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Region 9 changes renewing interest of kids here

By ALISON ALOISIO

Dan Smith, a Telstar High School junior, is learning math and physics the "easy" way, compliments of the metal trades program in the Region 9 School of Applied Technology.

In contrast to traditional classroom instruction in those subjects, says Smith, metal trades class "makes it easier to learn. There's a lot of (hands-on) math and physics."

Smith is one of two dozen Telstar students who have been learning metal and other trades through Region 9 programs this year. And with a new home and an improved schedule, new director Deborah Guimont is confident those num-

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Gambling bill goes to floor of Legislature

By MICHAEL DANIELS

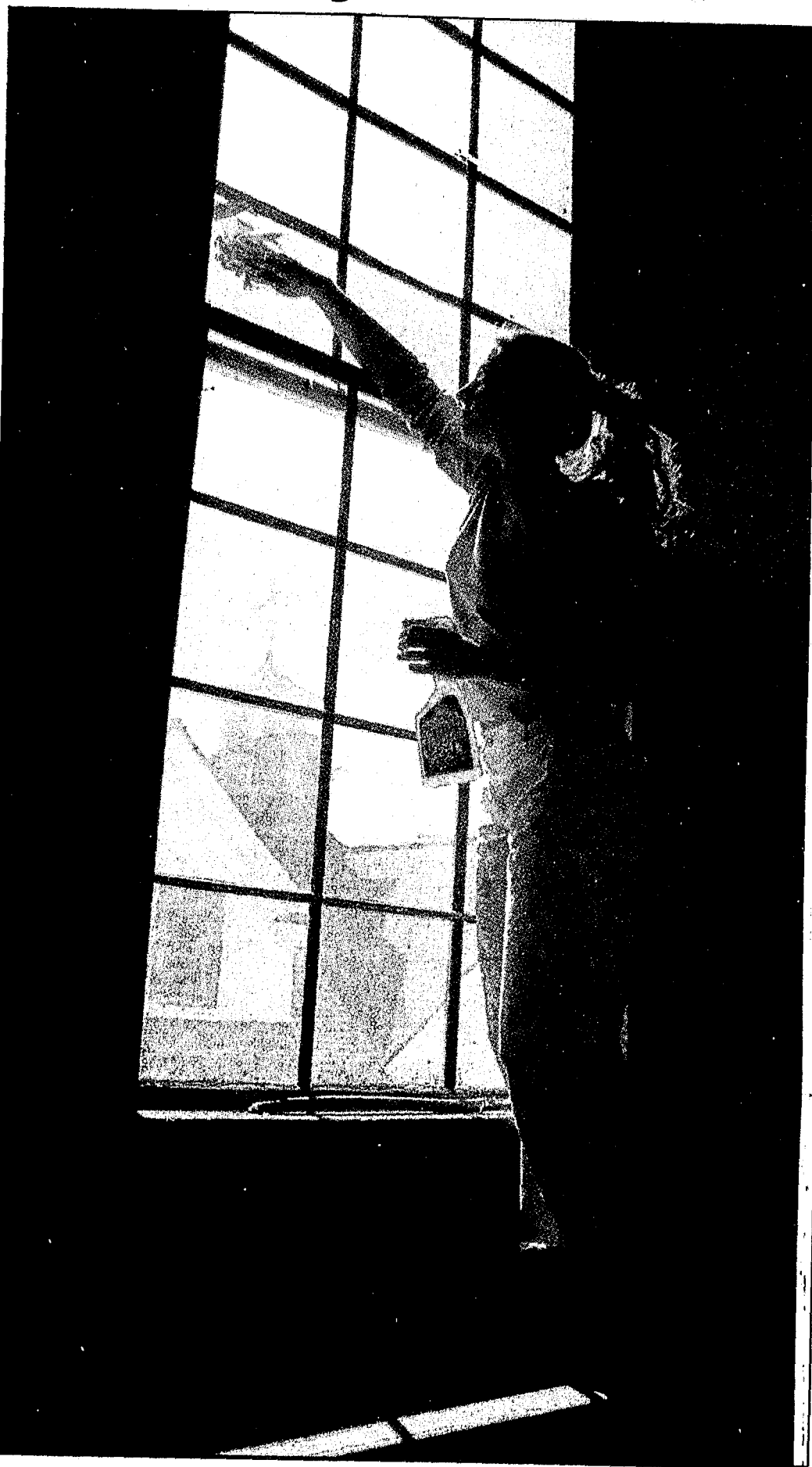
The fate of L.D. 2607, a bill which would allow the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe to conduct high-stakes gambling activities in Albany Township, was still uncertain as of The Citizen's press time Wednesday.

The bill was overwhelmingly opposed by the Legislature's Judiciary Committee, but that opposition was not unanimous, which means the bill will move on to the floor of the Legislature, perhaps as early as this week.

The bill's fate there will be decided by the individual members of the Maine House of Representatives and Senate. Their votes may or may not reflect the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee

Spring cleaning in Odeon Hall

Last week was Career Week for students at Telstar High School. Seniors had a choice of either job-shadowing someone or doing a community service project. Amy Green of Andover spent the week helping out with the Odeon Hall revitalization project. She and two other students researched history on the hall at the Bethel Historical Society and interviewed longtime residents about their memories of Odeon. The information will be included in a brochure. On Friday, Green and the others did some spring cleaning in the building. (Photo by Allison Aloisio)



Yoouuu, Aaadrian!

Is 'Italian Stallion' interested in wife carrying contest?

Someone claiming to be, and sounding like, Sylvester Stallone calls local organizers, as do radio stations from across the country eager to enter teams

By ALISON ALOISIO

(And no, this is not an "April Fool" story.)

Radio stations are calling Bethel from around the world.

A web site has been set up.

And Paula Wheeler is right out straight.

Sound familiar?

It should — but this time it has absolutely nothing to do with snowmen, or even cold weather.

It's the worldwide reaction to the Mahoosuc Arts Council's "Wife Carrying Contest," scheduled to take place at the Mollycoddett Day Festival in July.

The council, in cooperation with the Finnish American Society, will sponsor the event. It is modeled on a "World Championship" held in Finland each year. A man carries his "wife" over a 253-meter obstacle course. Along the way, they must traverse sand, grass and asphalt; wade in a cold, neck-high pool of water; clear log hurdles; and career around a hairpin turn.

The event, a fundraiser for MAC, was the idea of Dr. John Mason of Bethel.

Wheeler is the director of development for MAC. Her phone has been ringing since an account of the planned Bethel event was carried by the Associated Press.

"A lot of radio stations are looking to send contestants from their areas," said Wheeler. Six or eight have called to register teams.

Calls have been coming in from stations in Los Angeles, San Diego, Kansas City, North Carolina, Montana, Oklahoma, Texas and Ontario. The most distant one so far came from Spain.

A report on the event appeared on the British Broadcasting Corporation, and Wheeler has also heard from Rush Limbaugh, Paul Harvey and Sylvester Stallone — she thinks.

A man identifying himself as Stallone called her house last Tuesday, saying he was interested in filming some of the contest for possible use in an upcoming movie. "It sounded like him," said Wheeler.

She's now waiting to hear from his press agent, whom he said would get back to her.

Several magazines and newspapers have also contacted her, she said.

Potential contestants have also called with some interesting questions. A man from North Carolina wanted to know if anyone had ever lost a wife during the water obstacle portion of the course. Not that

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Sugar season ending, but traditions continue

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Special to The Bethel Citizen. Part two of two.

Sugaring season has nearly come to an end. With the final runs being boiled down now, the available supply of maple syrup, world wide, is set for the year.

Officially, Maine produced 153,000 gallons of maple syrup in 1992, the most recent year numbers are available for. However, many producers either don't report or under-report production. Curt Bonney, the secretary for the Maine Maple Producers Association last year, believes that actual production in Maine is rapidly approaching 400,000 gallons a year. That production level requires 12 to 16 million gallons of sap.

Down-home Ingenuity For local producer Ira Gibson it has been a great year. The season was short, but the runs were furious. Gibson runs a small sugarhouse at his home on Gibson Road, off the North Road. He still taps his trees with pails.

Gibson embodies the traditional ingenuity and inventiveness of maple producers, a breed of people set out to do backbreaking labor. They are always looking for cost-effective ways to make it easier and more efficient.

Gibson built his sugarhouse out of lumber he sawed in his sawmill. He also built his own evaporator. It's small, able to boil about 15 gallons of sap down an hour. This year, he made a new pre-warming pan. It heats the cold sap so that it doesn't cool off the evaporator, saving energy and speeding the boiling time.

"We made maple syrup when I was a kid," Gibson said. "It was the worst tasting stuff you've ever had. My wife Kristen had to talk me into doing this. For a couple of years, we kept going to sugarhouses on Maine Maple Sunday (always the last Sunday in March), and I'd taste the syrup, and it didn't taste bad."

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Town Meetings

Greenwood cuts planners' pay, OKs town-hall work

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Assured by their town auditor that Greenwood "is in the best financial shape that it has been for many years," voters agreed Saturday to spend \$34,400 to improve the physical shape of the aging town hall.

They were also agreeable to the other financial requests on the warrant, but their largess did not extend to stipends for Planning Board members, which were cut by more than \$300 a year for each member, to bring them back to 1996 levels.

'I think we've ignored the disabled people for too long.'

MARY GROVES on making the town hall handicapped accessible

The stipend cutbacks were not on the warrant, but came in the form of an amendment made on the floor by former Selectman Marie Bartlett, who had earlier termed

the town's compensation for Planning Board members "obscene," proposed to reduce the stipends for the board chairman to \$650, regular members to \$500 and alternates to \$350.

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Woodstock discontinues easement, accepts building

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Up and Go Community Center now belongs to the town of Woodstock, following a vote at Monday's annual Town Meeting.

A clear majority of the approximately 130 people present favored accepting the old building, located on Route 26 in South Woodstock.

The center's Board of Directors offered it to the town because there is no longer an active group to fund the insurance and upkeep.

There was some opposition to the acquisition, stemming in part from worries that long-term repairs could cost substantial money.

Monica Magee said she had spoken to the board about a year ago about possibly renting the building for business purposes. She was told then, she said, that it was in poor

condition. "As far as my tax dollars are concerned, I don't want to go into it," she said, without knowing the money needed to fix the structure.

Magee also said she recognized the sentimental value of the building, but the town does not really need another meeting place. "We have a meeting place (the Woodstock school)," she said.

Vern Maxfield, Woodstock's town manager, said the town would not do any major work on the structure for the short term, and it would continue to be used for the purposes it has served recently — yard sales and family gatherings, primarily.

In town elections, voters chose Mike Nadeau by secret ballot to succeed Elton Cole as selectman.

Nadeau defeated the only other candidate, Nancy Willard, by a vote of 56-34.

In brief remarks prior to the vote, Nadeau said he believed some changes needed to be made in town government, particularly regarding spending of tax dollars.

Phil Korhonen, running unopposed, was reelected to the SAD44 School Board. Dorene Wilbur and Althea Hathaway ran unopposed for two seats on the Whitman Memorial Library board, and were elected.

No nomination papers

Townpeople turned down an article proposing that future candidates for town offices be required to take out nomination papers and gather at least 25 signatures. The vote at Town Meeting would then be by secret ballot, with write-in votes allowed. There would be no

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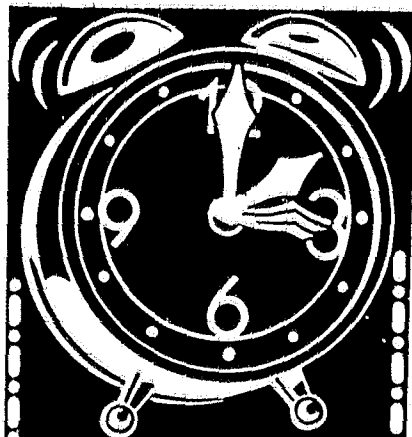
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Letters

LET THE ROAD CREW DO THEIR JOB

To the Editor:
Cleanup after a storm used to start at midnight or there about. By morning the streets were clean, the sidewalks clean and sanded. The town looked nice. Well, as nice as a winter road can look.
Not anymore. We did have a storm last week, I believe. The town has yet to be cleaned up. There's snow, slush, ice, water. Good way to fall down. Been there, done that, water was cold, got wet, broke my eggs, chased my oranges half way to the post office. It really didn't do a thing for my disposition. Come to think of it, it didn't do much for a couple of other places either.
Contrary to all beliefs, there are still natives who live here. We remember when Bethel was a pretty town. Oh well, progress is progress no matter how ugly I guess.
We've got a good road crew. Why not let them do their work the way it should be done. A bit of inconvenience isn't much of a price to pay for well-kept streets and walks, is it?

Dot Murphy
West Bethel

FAMILIES GROWING APART

To the Editor:
I was reading your paper the other day, and I find it so sad for families growing apart these days. Many children are being raised up not knowing who their real relatives are, and sometimes never meeting them.
When a person is old enough to have children of their own, I think it's time they take on the responsibility to teach their children who is who and not to bring them up in a life of lies. I think that the grown family members themselves should have the respect and courtesy to put in the name of the family members when writing obituaries and birth announcements, including the parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents, even great-grandparents would be nice and thoughtful.
I had a cousin who died a while back. His obituary was in the paper. If I recall correctly, his parents weren't mentioned nor were his aunts and uncles, not to mention anyone else on his side of the family. I know for a fact that some of his family was quite upset; his folks are deceased. He attended Gould Academy and received his "G" (old letter G), and my Mom made him a nice, blue sweater to put it on. He lived with us at the time. She saved all his woodworking pieces that he made at Gould. She was so proud of him. She kept all the pieces that he made at Gould and now she has passed away and I have his things. I've watched him race and have taped some, proud to be his cousin.
Now I find my own grandchildren going down the same road, the more you do for them the more they want, and if they don't succeed in getting it they turn their backs on you, too. What is the matter with people today, and it isn't all the young folks either, but the older ones should know better. They should be teaching some respect.
Now, I find out that I have a new great-granddaughter. I hope and pray that she is healthy and maybe some day she'll know who I am, and also her granddad.
What ever happened to announcing the real maternal and paternal grandparents and even the great-grandparents? We have done nothing for these people to act this way.
I wish I had gotten this in earlier: May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields, and, Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Carol J. Verrill
Wiscasset

NEWRY POLITICAL SCENE IS A MESS

To the Editor:
The political scene in Newry is a disgrace. The voter turnout is at an all-time low. Our elected officials and local business interests are one in the same. The only thing that would make it easier for the "circle of power" would be to relocate the town office to South Ridge. Townspeople are just plain worn out. They feel defeated even before Town Meeting. Knowing full well S1 will be leading the meeting. I ask this. If you were S2 or S4 or S215 (numbers represent Sunday River radio call numbers, also designate rank), how would you vote? Would you feel free to think for yourself? Do you have to think of what your rank would be in the morning if you voted nay? This is the face of democracy reporting here from the third world of Bear River. I tell you the truth; this is the voice of oppression.
Maybe it's time to change the constitution. Maybe the one-man, one-vote concept is archaic. Maybe it's time to consider a weighted voting system. For example, we could convert to the acreage system, 10 acres, 10 votes; 1,000 acres, 1,000 votes. If you rent, zero votes. Or maybe it should be based on income in thousand-dollar increments. If you report a \$20,000 income, then you get 20 votes. If you live on Social Security benefits, you get zero votes. If you make a million dollars, well you figure it out.
Maybe it's cheaper to pay a \$50 fine than to pay an auditor \$1,500 extra to get an auditor's report in the town report like the state law requires. But what are the costs as far as voter confidence in our elected and appointed officials? Are there any other state laws that the town of Newry has transcended? Are we at a point in American history where we can all claim that we are above the law?

Brooks Morton
Newry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MUD BALL THANKS

To the Editor:
The Mahoosuc Arts Council would like to thank everyone who swung into spring at the second annual Mud Ball in the Bingham Gymnasium at Gould Academy, to support our school and community performances. Special thanks to Crystal Spring Water, Sunday River Ski Resort, Unicef, Gould Academy, Designs, CJ's Limousine Services, Shaw's Supermarkets, and Seltzer and Rydholm for supporting the event with financial and in-kind contributions. The second annual Mud Ball wouldn't have been possible without setup volunteers Becky, Abby and Michaela Cummings, Janet and Jette Black and Pete Rackliffe; cabbage bowl pin setter Sean Cameron and the cleanup crew of Wendy Penley, Jan and John Todd and Pete and Vicki Rackliffe. Congratulations to Amy Forbes, who received a round-trip limousine ride to the ball, courtesy of CJ's Limousine Service.
Mahoosuc Arts would also like to thank Dillon Gillies and the participants in the sixth annual Western Maine Snowshoe Challenge that ran their way into spring at the Sunday River Inn last Sunday morning. Special thanks to event sponsors Bethel Family Dentistry, Dillon Gillies, Sunday River Ski Resort, Sunday River Inn, and the volunteers who made it happen: Dillon and Paula Gillies, Scott Emery and Nate Alsobrook.

Paula Wheeler
Director of Development, Mahoosuc Arts Council

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increase to \$33.92, \$28.57 and \$23.21.
By comparison, she noted, in most surrounding towns Planning Board members are either unpaid volunteers or they are paid a flat rate of \$10 an hour.
Even with the proposed cuts, Bartlett said, Greenwood planners would still be paid far more than their colleagues in other nearby towns.
Not everyone agreed, including the three members of the Board of Selectmen.
Selectman Al Curtis noted that the town had many lakes and the total budget for the Planning Board was much smaller than the amount of money voters were willing to spend on other items.
"Can't we spend \$3,000 to protect our lakes?" he asked.
He also said that when CMP had recently upgraded its lines through Greenwood, it was the Planning Board that alertly realized that the company would owe the town a tree-growth penalty.
That netted the town \$8,000, he said. Other towns that had not made payment of the tree-growth penalty a condition of approval for the upgrade were still trying to collect the money due them, he said.
In the end, however, a clear majority of the 60 or so voters present chose to reduce the stipends.
Town Hall renovation
A much larger majority voted to invest \$34,400 in the town hall building.
The money will pay for having the building scraped and painted, installing an entry ramp and a stairway wheelchair lift to make the second floor hall handicapped accessible. The first-floor bathroom will also be renovated to be handicapped accessible.
Curtis was against moving ahead with the complete project at this point. "This is not a crisis situation," he said.
He also said at present the only use the building receives is dances sponsored by the Historical Society.
But others argued the building would receive more use if it were handicapped accessible.
"I feel we've ignored the disabled people for too long," said Mary Groves.
Bartlett, a member of the Town Hall Preservation Committee, said a representative of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission had examined the building and commented that aside from some relatively superficial needs, it was in excellent shape.
The building is now a candidate for a listing in the National Register of Historic Places, Bartlett said, and the state representative was very optimistic that the building would be accepted.
When the matter came to a vote, only eight hands were raised against the proposal.
Other spending approved
Voters also agreed to replace the town's 1972 road grader, at a total cost (principal and interest) of \$88,494, of which \$19,000 in debt service will be due this year.
They also agreed to increase Town Office salaries and wages from \$38,000 for FY '99 to \$50,500 for the current year.
The increase will allow the Town Office to be open five, rather than four, days a week.
It will also help the staff deal with increased federal and state paperwork requirements, said First Selectman Denny Wilson.
Also approved was \$10,203 for reconstruction of Greenwood's portion of Gore Road (prompting Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield, who moderated the meeting, to quip: "Is that going to make our part of the road look bad?")
Voters also agreed to raise and set aside \$20,000 for future reconstruction north of Point Hill on the Greenwood Road, and they agreed to spend \$6,000 for construction of a new turnaround for school buses and plow equipment on the Cross Road.
They also agreed to have the town maintain, subject to easements, a short section of road leading to the turnaround.
An additional \$15,000 was added to the \$84,000 already on hand for the construction of a salt-sand shed at the highway garage.
That project should now be able to go ahead this year, said Highway Foreman Alan Seames. The new shed is expected to save the town \$3,000 in salt costs, he said.
He said it should also save residents some pothole aggravation, since sand that is stored indoors needs less salt and therefore is less likely to produce potholes in dirt roads.
The new spending and increases in existing accounts approved Saturday are expected to push the town's mill rate into the \$16.90 to \$17 range, according to Town Manager Carol Whitman.
The rate for 1999 was \$16.60.
Officers
Kenneth Roberts was elected to three-year term on the Board of Selectmen, replacing Curtis, who did not seek reelection.
Jeffery Harren was returned to a second three-year term on the SAD44 Board of Directors.
A second opening on the School Board went unfilled. A year remains on the term of long-time Greenwood Director Ray Harrington, who has resigned for personal reasons.
No adult has indicated a willingness to take the position, but a Telstar junior from Greenwood, Douglas McIntire Jr, has volunteered to serve.
Voters opted to have the selectmen look into the legalities of such an arrangement and decide themselves whether to appoint McIntire to the School Board.

Woodstock

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nominations from the floor, however.
Geof Inman was one voter arguing against a change, saying the town did not need more bureaucracy and red tape.
Selectman Steve Bies and school director Marcel Polak favored the change.
With so many tax dollars from the town now at stake, said Polak, he wanted the chance to learn more about candidates prior to Town Meeting. "I want to know why they want to serve, to be able to question them, and to think about it," he said.
Bies added that some people decide whether to come to Town Meeting based on who is running for office, and requiring nomination papers would avoid surprises at the meeting.
Rosalie Poland also supported the proposal, saying she wanted to know more about the people who would deal with the town's nearly \$1 million budget. "That's a lot of money," she said.
A majority, however, did not want to give up the power to nominate and vote from the floor at the meeting, and the article was defeated.
Public easement discontinued
Voters approved an article to discontinue a public easement on the former town way between Routes 26 and 232, at the top of Merrifield Hill. The road will now be divided down the middle between abutters.
It was one of those abutters, Richard McInnis, who had requested the discontinuance, in order to give him clear ownership of his portion of the property. He had concerns, he said, that the abutters on the other side of the way could claim his portion as theirs.
Erton and Alida Blood had placed a gate on McInnis' side, near Route 232, to discourage use of the road, he said, and had moved around it. McInnis said he was worried they could claim the land through adverse possession (after 20 years of use without objection from the landowner, state law can allow the user to claim it).
The Bloods had also used McInnis' side of the way as their driveway. They argued the discontinuance would force them to invest in a new driveway. McInnis had offered them a private easement to use the land, provided the town voted a clear discontinuance of the public easement, but they declined out of hesitation to enter a written agreement.
Elton Cole, who lives across 232 from the site, said the Bloods had grassed in an area of their side of the way they could have used as a driveway. He said he favored the discontinuance, because then the landowners could settle the issue through McInnis' own easement offer.
A majority agreed, voting 73-38 in favor.
On another road issue, voters turned down a town proposal to square up the intersection of Mills Road with Route 26. Residents of the road were skeptical the plan would be an improvement, and voters turned it down, at least until another proposal could be drawn up.
Working on the roads will now be easier for the town crew, after voters approved \$20,000 to purchase a used grader. Selectmen thought last week the town would have to choose between spending \$30,000 to fix the old 1970 grader, or spending more than \$40,000 for a used grader.
But last Friday, they learned of a 1979 grader turned in to a dealer by the city of Auburn, and available for the \$20,000 price. It was easily approved.
Segregation at the beach?
Townspeople also approved \$1,500 to build a second dock at the town beach on Lake Christopher. Some worried, however, that it would draw more people — including out of towners — to use the small swimming area.
An amendment was offered to make the dock available to Woodstock residents only. But it was withdrawn when Marcel Polak pointed out there is no such stipulation on the existing dock — leaving the town with the prospect of residents using one dock and nonresidents the other.
Also receiving approval were street lights for the corners of Cushman, West Summit and Blackbrook roads and Route 26, to make it easier to find the intersections at night. Some who voted in opposition worried the move might lead residents of all roads intersecting with Route 26 to ask for lights.
All other money articles were also approved, for a total municipal appropriation of \$674,270, up \$37,000 from last year.
The meeting concluded shortly after 10 p.m.

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she knew of, Wheeler replied.
Another wanted to know if he could carry his dog instead of his wife. "It's a human event," said Wheeler.
"We do have a nontraditional carrying option," she said, for wives who might wish to carry their husbands instead, or people who want to do same-sex carries.
A site for the event has not yet been selected, but MAC is researching possibilities.
Wheeler was the events coordinator for the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce during the 1999 Angus the Snowman media event.
She took the Mahoosuc position, she said, because it seemed like "a nice, simple job."

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: Woodstock voters approved the establishment of a board of assessment review at their annual Town Meeting. They also approved the naming of the little league baseball field in honor of Stuart Thurlow and the larger field in honor of Donald Whitman. It was the decision of the voters to name the entire complex the "Woodstock Athletic Fields."

Sudbury Inn's chef, Martin Dupree, was the winner in the "Eat the Heat" Chili Cookoff at White Cap Lodge, Sunday River.

Herman Cole of Woodstock celebrated his 95th birthday with a party at the Masonic Hall in Bryant Pond.

A special Bethel Town Meeting directed the selectmen to sign a letter of consent and enforcement action and pay a \$14,000 fine levied by the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the town's sewer lines and waste treatment plant. The \$14,000 came from the town's unappropriated surplus.

Births: Justin James Littlehale, Keith Frederick Tedford.

Deaths: Theodore (Ted) M. Reed Jr.

20 years ago: Four Telstar students, who were participants in a criminal law mini course, were involved in a "Ride-A-Long" program with Bethel Chief Robert Stearns and Richard McCann, course instructor. The students were David Korhonen, Lauri Cox, Eugene Osgood and Donna Kennedy.

Airman Gary P. Robbins of West Paris was assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas after completing USAF basic training.

Gov. Joseph Brennan appointed Oxford County Sheriff Alton Howe to the board of directors of the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency.

Deaths: Edmund F. Seeley, Theodore M. Reed Sr.

30 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. William Young celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a party at the Mt. Abram Ski Lodge.

Raymond D. Harrington of Greenwood was a Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives.

Officers of the Telstar Student Council for the 1969-70 year were: president, Donna Rosenberg; vice president, Karen Jordan; secretary, Nancy Bailey; treasurer, June Bailey.

John K. Black Sr. of Dixfield was a candidate for the District Five State Senate seat.

Birth: Heather Taylor.

40 years ago: Clifford Hillier was appointed by the Bethel Board of Assessors to take the inventory in the village area.

The lock-up on Bethel's High Street was razed. Long the shelter for occasional transients and transgressors of the law, the property was sold by the town to Gould Academy the previous year. Also, the building on Mill Hill acquired by the Bethel Inn in 1959 and known as the Shaw place was razed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers were honored by two parties on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Stanley R. Walker, USN, Engineman Third Class, of South Bethel was serving aboard the USS Spikefish as Engineman in Charge when the submarine made its 10,000-career dive (a record mark for submarines at that time).

Birth: Mary Ellen Carignan, Karen Jane Dunham.

Deaths: Frank R. Boyker, Col. John F. Farnsworth.

50 years ago: Paul C. Thurston was chairman of a building committee appointed by the Bethel selectmen in accordance with the Town Meeting vote to build a new elementary school. Other committee members were John M. Harrington, William C. Chapman, Harold G. Bennett and Leslie E. Davis.

Bill O'Brien was on the dean's list at Tufts College.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Willard and family moved from Bryant Pond to the former Burk farm on Paradise Hill, which they had recently purchased.

Death: Correction -- in last week's column, Frances Noyes should have been Frances Hayes.

100 years ago: The Universalist Society gave an entertainment at Odeon Hall.

The chair factory sawed over 700,000 board feet of lumber during the winter and expected the total to reach one million.

Death: Rebecca Chandler.

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Briefly

Police receive grant

BETHEL—The Bethel Police Department has been approved to receive a \$5,000 federal grant to beef up enforcement of operating-under-the-influence laws. The funds will be put toward officer salaries, for patrols during hours in which the largest number of drinking drivers are typically on the road.

Arts Council to run Mollycoddett Day

BETHEL—The Mahosuc Arts Council has taken over responsibility for organizing Mollycoddett Day events. The Bethel Lions Club, which had organized the events for many years, agreed recently to turn the responsibility over to the Arts Council, according to council Executive Director Vicky Rackliffe. Alan Waterhouse, president of the Lions Club, said declining membership made it impossible for the club to handle all the details of the event, which is held each year on the third Saturday in July. Rackliffe said the Arts Council was delighted to take over the event, which, she said, "fits in with our mission and allows us to serve the community in a new way."

Gilead raises stipends

GILEAD—About 30 voters at Saturday's Gilead Town Meeting approved raises for several town officials. After calculating that some officials made hourly equivalents of just over \$2, townspeople approved the following stipends: first selectman, \$4,100 (up \$1,400); administrative assistant, \$3,500 (up \$1,000); treasurer, \$2,000 (up \$1,000); tax collector, \$3,000 (up \$2,000); ballot clerks, \$720 (up \$360); fire chief, \$1,500 (up \$700). The total appropriation resulting from all Town Meeting articles was \$310,126, according to administrative assistant Beverly Corriveau. Lin Chapman was elected town clerk to replace the retiring Mildred McLean.

House damaged by fire

ANDOVER—A house on South Main Street was heavily damaged by fire Saturday night. Dale and Tracy Richard discovered the fire when they came home at around 9 p.m. Twenty firefighters from four towns fought the blaze. Two rooms of the modular home were extensively damaged by smoke and heat. Fire Chief Ken Dixon said the fire may have been caused by faulty electrical wiring, but the State Fire Marshall's Office will investigate. The home was insured.

SAD44 hires math instructors

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board Monday approved the hiring of three math teachers for the Telstar complex. Nicole Tarullo, currently residing in the U.S. Virgin Islands, was hired for a high school position. G. Richard James and Darcie Bolstridge were approved for sixth- and seventh-grade positions, respectively. Also hired was Kathleen Burke, who will fill a one-year position in third grade at the Woodstock Elementary School. It was also announced that Bibi Gilmore, secretary at Telstar High School, will retire at the end of this year after 15 years of service.

M-I-C...S-K-I...

NEWRY—A former theme park executive will take over as American Skiing Company's chief operating officer and president. William J. Fair, 38, will be responsible for ASC's nine resorts and will report to Leslie Otten, chief executive officer and chairman. Fair was the leader of a team responsible for the analysis that prompted Disneyland's \$1.4 billion expansion, ASC spokesman Skip King said. Fair was most recently president of Universal Studio's Port Aventura theme park in Tarragona, Spain. During his tenure, park visits increased by 16 percent and revenues increased by 20 percent, according to King. ASC has struggled financially in the last two fiscal years. Earlier this month it posted a net \$43.1 million loss for the first six months of the current fiscal year.

MHS raises quarter-million

NEWRY—The 15th annual Ski-A-Thon benefiting Maine Handicapped Skiing raised more than \$254,000 on Sunday. More than 150 people took part in the event, including some of MHS's more advanced students. The Union Oil Co. team won the grand prize, with a total of \$14,925 raised. The team won a week's ski vacation to Steamboat Resort, donated by the American Skiing Company. Craig Cooper, top individual fundraiser at \$10,165, won a ski vacation for two to Mt. Snow.

Unemployment figures mixed

RUMFORD/NORWAY—The local unemployment rate for the Rumford labor market (which includes SAD44 towns) dropped to 5.7 percent in February. It was the lowest monthly rate recorded since August of 1998 (5.6 percent) according to Gerard Dennison, senior economic analyst for western Maine. Job gains occurred at Sunday River Ski Resort, in retail trade and at local schools. In February 1999, the unemployment rate was 7.4 percent. The unemployment rate for the Norway-Paris labor market increased for the second straight month, from 4.7 percent in December to 6.3 percent in January to 7.0 percent in February. Between January and February, resident employment decreased from 10,940 to 10,910, and total joblessness increased from 740 to 820. Layoffs were reported in modular home manufacturing. Small employment increases occurred in local schools, construction and shoe manufacturing. Last year at this time, the local unemployment rate stood at 8.0 percent.

Soap box derby info

WEST PARIS—An informational meeting regarding the soap box derby race at the West Paris Old Home Days will take place April 16. The downhill race will be open to children (boys and girls) ages 7 to 17, with different classes. Cars can be homemade or created from a kit. The meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the West Paris Town Office meeting room. Call Bo Warden at 674-2525 with questions.

Pay for a night in jail

BERLIN, N.H.—A "cell-ibration" of the opening of the Northern New Hampshire Correctional Facility will take place April 28. To mark the event, members from the community and throughout the state are being offered the opportunity to experience a "Big Night at the Big House" by renting one of the 180 available beds in 90 two-person cells. Cost of overnight accommodations is \$100 per person, and includes a dinner of steamship round of beef, as well as continental breakfast and mini-workshops.

Father, son charged

RUMFORD—A father and son were arrested last week for allegedly breaking into a home on the Swain Road and beating the occupant. Gary Vaughn Sr., 45, of Mexico and Gary Vaughn Jr., 26, of Rumford, have each been charged with burglary and aggravated assault, as well as terrorizing, criminal mischief and theft. At about 1:30 a.m. on March 20, Rumford police received a call from Mark Glover, 38, who said he had been assaulted at his home with a crutch and bar stool. Police said the men also stole his phone so he couldn't call for help, and slashed three tires on his vehicle. The attack was not a random one, according to police.

REACH support group

NORWAY—The Rape Education and Crisis Hotline is once again sponsoring a support group for non-offending parents of child victims of sexual abuse, either recent or in the past. The group will provide a confidential setting in which to explore the challenges of raising children who have experienced sexual abuse, as well as how parents may better care for themselves. There is no charge. For more information call 743-9777.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Drugs and fights

At 4:45 p.m. on March 22 a subject was stopped in a Main Street parking lot regarding an assault complaint. A license check showed it had been suspended. Michael J. Comeau, 20, of Leeds was arrested. A search incident to arrest was conducted, revealing a marijuana smoking device in the dashboard. Comeau was summonsed for operating after suspension, possession of a suspended driver's license and possession of marijuana. A passenger in the vehicle was searched, and a butterfly knife and an Altoids can with marijuana residue was found. Ian A. Halsey, 19, of Bowdoinham was summonsed for trafficking in dangerous knives and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Friday, March 24

At 12:40 a.m. police responded to a call regarding a fight among 15 to 30 people at a Main Street restaurant. The fight had ended when the officer arrived, but he stayed and moved the patrons along. No further problems were reported.

Saturday, March 25

At 1 a.m. a subject was stopped on Route 26 for swerving. She showed signs of intoxication. After several field sobriety tests she was taken to

the Police Department for an intoxilyzer test. The subject, Gayle Brown, 40, was then given a summons for OUI.

Sunday, March 26

At 12:58 a.m. police responded to a fight at a restaurant. On arrival the officer found a subject extremely intoxicated and yelling at the restaurant owner. Several attempts were made to get the subject to leave after he refused to calm down. When the officer tried to arrest him, he shoved the officer trying to get away. The subject was then maced and secured. Robert C. Springer, 33, of Waterford was taken to the Oxford County Jail and charged with assault, disorderly conduct and failure to submit to arrest and detention. In connection with the same incident, another subject got in the way of the above arrest. After repeated warnings to back off or be arrested for obstructing government administration, the subject still failed to comply. The officer then tried to secure the subject but he began to resist. He was then maced, and later maced a second time to get him to comply. Mark A. Starbird, 33, of Waterford was taken to the Oxford County Jail and charged with assault, failure to submit to arrest and detention and obstructing government administration.



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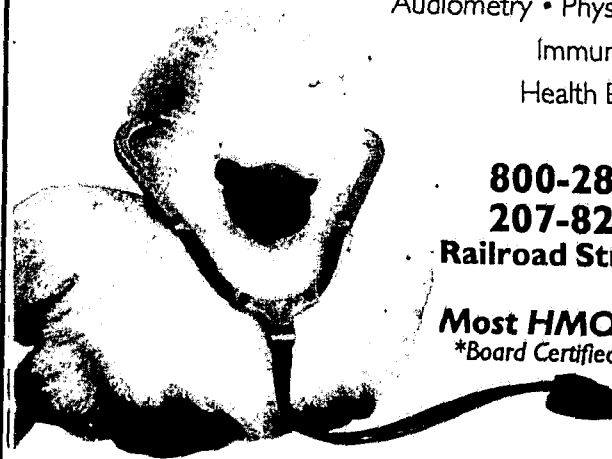
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Region 9

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bers will grow.

The vocational program is based in Rumford and shared by SADs 44, 43 and 21. It has traditionally had trouble drawing students from Telstar because of the travel distance.

Students balked at traveling every day to Rumford for a half-day program. When the program was altered to offer them an English course in Rumford as well — making their enrollment full-day — some felt even more disconnected from their home high school.

This year, however, all the school districts have been able to coordinate their schedules to allow students to attend Region 9 programs every other day for the whole day. That, said Guimont, is a more efficient use of time and travel, while still keeping the students at their home school half the time.

Smith said he likes the schedule. "I was going to do (the program) anyway. But it encouraged me that it was every other day," he said.

Then there's Telstar senior Dan Grover, who so much prefers the Region 9 courses to sitting in a classroom that he'd do them all day, every day.

Grover, who completed the commercial truck-driving program earlier this year, hopes to go to Indiana after graduation and work as a driver. After earning some money that way, he said, he wants to attend a two-year technical school in Columbus, Ind. to study metal trades.

Smith may also go to a two-year technical school after graduation to study metal trades. Regardless of his eventual choice, he said, the Region 9 trades "are a really good thing to fall back on." He also hopes to take the truck-driving course next year.

Smith said he has told fellow students at Telstar that Region 9 is "much better" than it was in previous years.

The enthusiasm of several Telstar students for their programs was demonstrated when THS closed for a week at Thanksgiving due to bomb threats. Some of the vocational students kept coming to the program, even though they could have legitimately stayed home because their high school was not in session.

New site, equipment, partnership
Helping Region 9's image, says Guimont, is the program's new home on Route 2 in Mexico. The school now occupies the former

Archibald Trucking building.

The program had formerly operated over several spread-out locations. An attempt two years ago to purchase the former Stephens High School building fell through.

Guimont came to the director's position last summer, just in time to coordinate the program's move into the Archibald building. The building trades students were immediately put to work adapting portions of the structure to the various programs.

Also moving in was all the metal-working equipment, much of it new. Lathes and other equipment were purchased with funds from a bond issue approved a couple of years ago. "The kids in the metal trades know more about setting up lathes and equipment than other (metal trades) students," said Guimont.

And they will learn more. Region 9 recently entered into an agreement that will further expand the program offerings.

Irving Forest Products of Dixfield needs to train some of its employees to be millwrights. A millwright sets up machinery in a factory. Irving will spend \$15,000 to add two classrooms to the building, and also add six more welding stations. In return, the company will have use of the facilities to train its workers.

Irving will also help Region 9 integrate a millwright curriculum into its metal program. "It will be the first in the state at any level," said Guimont.

Region 9 also offers programs in health occupations, office technology, forestry and wood harvesting and a pre-vocational program for students with special needs. A computer repair course has also been added.

Guimont said she is hopeful this year's overall enrollment of 123 "equivalent" students will grow to between 150 and 160 next year. (Students in courses that run for only one ranking period, such as truck driving, are counted as "quarter-students.")

Telstar principal Ted Davis also thinks the recent changes will help draw more students into the vocational program. "There are more opportunities," he said, and that, combined with the new schedule, should attract a wider variety of students.

Region 9's proposed budget for next year is \$927,034, of which SAD44's share would be \$191,154 (about 20 percent).

Maple syrup

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ALMOST READY

Keith Hodsdon

tests the density

of the nearly

finished maple

syrup. The

testing cup he is

holding contains

syrup with a

hydrometer

floating in it.

Together, the

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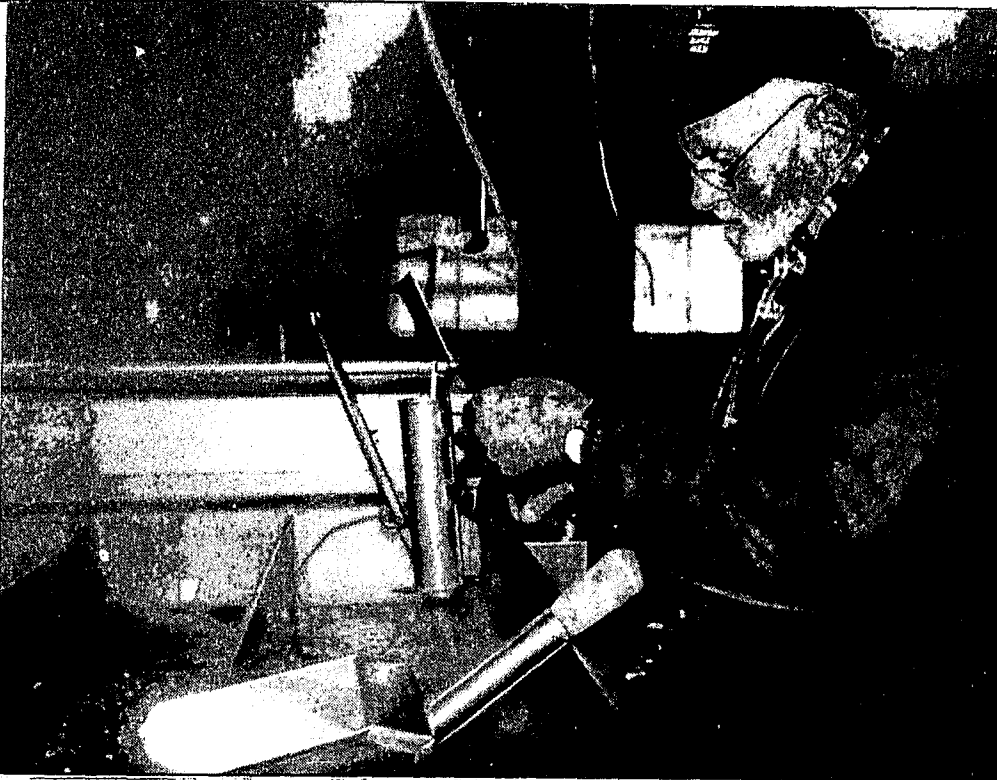
channels in his

syrup pan can

be seen below.

(Photo by

Rebecca Zicarelli)



"We were boiling the sap down too slow and we didn't collect it often enough."

Running out of real maple syrup one day, Gibson's son, Jimmy, was given an imitation syrup. "This stuff tastes like crap," Jimmy announced. Gibson and his wife decided to begin maple sugaring that day, and are now registered Maine Maple Producers.

Now, Gibson taps his own trees, as well as trees on the Angevine property that has been offered to the Town of Bethel for building a pond.

Like all maple producers, he struggles with the balance between the number of taps, the size of his evaporator, and the time available for boiling.

"The other day, I had more sap than sense," he said. "We collected about 200 gallons after a good run. I can only boil down 15 gallons an hour. I had more sap than I knew what to do with."

Boiling down 200 gallons of sap will produce between six and seven gallons of maple syrup. And it takes a long time. Sugaring is a labor of love.

It has to be. A gallon of maple syrup retails between \$30 and \$40. Given the investment in equipment and the time spent setting taps, collecting sap, and boiling syrup, there is not a high profit margin here.

The Gibsons sell their syrup out of their sugarhouse, and welcome visitors.

In The Sugarhouse

The steam rolls off the evaporator and up through the roof vent of Keith and Norma Hodsdons' sugarhouse. The air is filled with the sweet smells of maple and burning wood.

The Hodsdons, owners of Hodsdon's Running Brook Farm on the Flat Road, are familiar to many local folk from the Farmer's Market held at the Bethel Health Center. They sell their maple syrup and fresh vegetables there, as well as at their farm.

They tap a sugarbush behind the sap house using tubing and a vacuum system. They also tap another sugarbush located in the White Mountain National Forest with tubing using gravity feed.

The Hodsdons' time in the sugarhouse is spent monitoring the boiling sap and stoking the fire. That still leaves plenty of time to chat with visitors.

The evaporator has a 4 x 12 foot stainless steel pan, able to boil down 140 gallons of sap an hour. The Hodsdons need at least 250 to 300 gallons of sap to start the

evaporator, and prefer to have 500 gallons. There needs to be enough sap left to cool the pan off after the finished syrup is drawn off or the pan would warp over the heat of the firebox.

The pan has two levels. The upper pan, or sap pan, is where the sap initially comes in from the holding tank in front of the sugarhouse. The lower pan, or syrup pan is where the concentrated sap is boiled down into syrup.

Both pans are divided into long channels by a series of baffles. In the sap pan, two flues extend about eight inches down into the firebox below to speed the boiling process. As the sap in each flue is concentrated, it becomes denser and is forced down under the thinner sap. This pushes the sap through the slits in the baffles from one flue to the next. The sap boils away wildly on its way to the syrup pan.

The syrup pan is flat on the bottom to prevent the syrup from burning. The baffles have slits at opposing ends. As the sap travels through one channel, and into the next, it concentrates. The sap in the first channel is noticeably thinner than the nearly finished syrup in the last.

"You can tell by the boil pattern when the syrup is almost done," Keith said. He points to the difference in the boiling in the sap pan, where it is wild and uncontrolled, to the final channel in the syrup pan, where the bubbles look almost quited.

The Hodsdons frequently check the temperature of the syrup. Sap boils at 212° because it is mostly water. When most of the water has evaporated, the temperature will rise higher because of the high sugar content.

"Usually, you draw off between 218° and 219°," Keith said. Even after the syrup reaches 219°, he's not satisfied with it. It is a humid day, and the sap must reach a hotter temperature to be properly reduced into syrup.

They check the hydrometer, a glass tube of air that is weighted at the bottom. It floats in a testing cup of syrup. The denser the syrup, the higher it floats. The hydrometer is calibrated with markings to indicate the proper density for maple syrup. The hydrometer indicates the syrup is done, but the Hodsdons aren't satisfied yet.

Norma takes a scoop full of syrup to explain what they are looking for. She holds it up, letting the syrup run off. "See," she said, "it's coming off in drips. When the drips start running together into ribbons it's ready. We have all this fancy technology to tell us when the syrup is done, but this is still the best way."

After the caps have had time to seal, the syrup is labeled and ready

for sale.

In four hours of boiling time, the Hodsdons produced between eight and 10 gallons of syrup, but they also started with a pan of partially concentrated sap.

"When the sap runs," Norma said, "I can't wait to begin boiling it. Then, when the syrup is nearly done, I can't wait for it to finish."

Maple syrup of registered producers is controlled. Inspectors from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources will occasionally stop by to make certain that sap is boiled down to the right density and to check the grading. Maple syrup is graded by color, with the lightest being grade A Fancy, through Grade B Light Amber, Medium Amber, and Dark Amber.

The gradings are not reflections of quality, but of color and flavor intensity. Grade A Fancy has a light, delicate flavor, while Dark Amber is heady with rich maple flavor.

The early sap runs tend to produce lighter syrups, because they are richer in sugar. Boiling at a low temperature, letting the sap sit too long, or later sap runs produce darker syrups.

Finally, Norma holds the testing scoop up, and the drops run together into ribbons. It's time to draw the syrup off. Keith opens a valve in the side of the finishing pan, and the rich, brown syrup splashes out into a waiting bucket.

Keith watches a thermometer as he draws the syrup off. When the temperature starts to drop, the less concentrated sap is entering the final channel, and he closes the valve.

New sap is pouring into the sap pan, protecting the evaporator from burning. The fire is allowed to go out, and the cooling sap will continue to thicken over the cooling firebox, waiting for the next boil. There isn't enough sap left to keep going.

The syrup is poured through a filter into a small finishing pan. As it flows through the filter, a layer of sediments called nitre or sugar sand collects on the filter. Nitre is sediment and minerals in the sap brought up from the ground, and it would make the finished syrup cloudy.

A small vial of the filtered syrup is drawn off to be graded. The vial is placed in a rack of previously graded syrups and held to the light. The color of the new syrup is medium amber.

Now, the syrup is ready to be drawn off into plastic jugs. As Keith fills each jug, he caps it and then lays it on its side or sets it upside down. "That's so that the heat of the syrup will sterilize the cap and seal the bottle," he explained.

Glooskabe and the Maple Trees

Retold By REBECCA ZICARELLI

In Abenaki Indian legends, Glooskabe made the people. He had many adventures while making the world safe for the people. He fought the stone giants, and changed the animals. He went to Mount Katahdin and battled with Pamola. In this legend, he makes the people safe from their own sweet-tooth.

Glooskabe went back to the village to check on the people. He had been away for a long time and he wondered how they were.

When he got to the village, it was abandoned. The fires were out, and the ashes were cold. The dogs ran skinny and wild, and the gardens choked with weeds. Raccoons had eaten most of the corn.

Glooskabe wandered about, looking for some sign of the people. He checked in the wigwams, but they were only home to cobwebs and spiders.

Then, far off in the distance, he heard a small sigh of contentment. He followed the sound down to the maple grove. It was here that Glooskabe found the people.

Now back then, the sap of the maple tree was thick and sweet all the time. It was a gift from the creator. Each one of the people had broken a branch off a maple tree. They lay underneath, and the sap dripped out, golden and sweet, into their open mouths.

Not one of the people stirred when Glooskabe entered the grove. There was no joyous greeting. They just lay there, fat and lazy, with the maple sap plopping down into their mouths, and running sticky over their faces.

"Oh people," Glooskabe sighed, "this will not do." No one heard him.

Glooskabe went down to the river. He peeled the bark from a white birch tree. He took the bark from a bass wood, and peeled the inner layer of it into thin strips. He used the bass wood strips as lacing to form the birch bark into a bowl. He sealed the seams of the birch bowl with pine pitch to make it water tight. This is how Glooskabe made the first basket.

Then, Glooskabe blew on the basket to make it big. He filled it with water from the river, and carried it back to the maple grove.

Glooskabe broke the tops off all the trees and poured the water in. This made the sap runny. He spoke a magic word, and this made the sap bitter.

The people began to choke and cough on the bitter, runny sap. One by one, they sat up, spat the bitter sap out, and cried, "What happened to our beautiful treat?" "People," Glooskabe answered, "This will not do. You have grown fat and lazy, and there is work to do."

"In the spring, you must go to the river valleys and plant your gardens. In the summer, you must fish. In the fall, you must harvest your crops and go back to your winter hunting grounds, where you must hunt throughout the winter."

"But in the time between the winter hunting and the spring planting, there is nothing you must do. Then, the sap of the maple tree will be sweet again. But it will always be runny now, and you will now have work for it."

Glooskabe showed the people how to make baskets. He taught them how to cut the bark of the maple tree to collect the sap; and how to heat rocks in the fire and put them into the baskets of sap. Over and over, they needed to add hot rocks to the sap to boil it down. In this way, they could make it thick and sweet again.

That is why it is so much work to make maple syrup, and it can only be made in the time of year when there is nothing else to do.



METALWORK--Dan Smith (left) and Dan Grover are students in Region 9's metal trades program. They recently designed and made metal holders for some of the program's new metal trades equipment. Here, they put the finishing touches on the holders. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

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by Virginia Keniston
Elizabeth "Libby" Bane and Arlene G. Brown called on Allen and Jackie Cressy for tea recently. Ar-

lene brought along photo albums, which she had kept with memories of living in the same house. They all had a great time reminiscing. Bill and Ki Clough have recently returned from a trip to England.

Luella Schiraffa is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Swan and son, Joshua, from Springfield were overnight guests of Edith Rowe on Wednesday.

David, Nathalie and Elise Berry recently enjoyed a week in Aruba. Lee and Al Barth have returned home from a trip to Arizona.

This was career week at Telstar Regional High School. Jen Shaw spent the week in Portland shadowing Jay York, photographer. Tracy Gibbs job shadowed Miss Christianson, Jon Shaw worked at Nat Buckman's gym.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Frances Saunders and Richard Harding.

The Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Cathy D. has announced that the next soup for Sudbury Village and the Bethel House will be April 10.

Sonny Cummings took me for my appointment with Dr. Ross on Wednesday. He also took me for an appointment with my eye specialist, Dr. Daniels, on Monday.

Pastor Rick's message for Sunday, the 19th, was "Encouragement from a Prison Cell."

Donna Lowe and George Gibson joined the Bethel Alliance Church on March 19. Chuck Thornton played his guitar and sang a special song.

After the morning service, a social hour was held at the church. Mr. and Mrs. Shane Clarke and daughters were at the church on Sunday and joined us for the social hour.

Oiga Morgan and I went for our chiropractic treatment at Dr. Liberti's on Friday.

The 14th of March would have been Arthur's and my 58th wedding anniversary. Of course I was recalling that day and then it brought to mind my sister Hazel and Walter Newell's marriage on Aug. 14, 1943. It was at the church in Locke Mills. Hazel and the minister had cars that were alike and the minister came out to find that his car was the one that got decorated.

Bea Lowell told me she and Frank have seen two robins at their home on the Branch Road in Newry.

Drew and Judy Webster were treated to dinner at a place in Free-

port recently in honor of Judy's retirement from the bank. This was done by their children, and their grandchildren were also present. Then Drew and Judy spent the night in Freeport. They returned the next day and Larsen, Cecelia and Lillian Kjellman returned with them to spend a few days at the Webster home while their parents were away.

Vada Glover spent the day with me Tuesday. We went walking, ate at the Frozen Logger, played cribbage and just visited. Vada gained on me, too. Now at 150 games, I am only two ahead.

I had a very nice report from my visit with the eye specialist. The cataract on my left eye does not need to be operated on yet, and the implant for the cataract in my right eye is staying put. I go back in six months for a checkup.

"Love many, trust a few and always paddle your own canoe."

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Lucy and Jack Nordahl have seen a lot of turkeys and deer on the interval.

Albert Foster had about 40 people off and on during Maple Syrup Sunday. He had a woodchuck under the bird feeder and a robin in the yard on March 26.

Jack and Tricia Chappie are expecting a baby at the end of October.

The weather says spring is here. The snow and ice are melting.

Albert Foster will celebrate a birthday on April 5.

Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney

Modern science isn't all that it's cracked up to be. I have to blame something for the "no show" of last

week's Andover News, so I'm blaming the fax machine. I faxed it to the paper and between the space of Andover and Bethel it got lost. So somewhere out there in space is my "lost column." If you find it, please return it.

Okay, okay, you have probably heard by now that I made yet another boo-boo in news reporting. Between my inability to read and Betty Moore's inability to write, the true facts of Betty's birthday presents were in fact three puzzles, not as I previously reported three puppies. Personally three puppies sound a lot more exciting, but not in this case, true.

Lyda and Bob Iles are back from a three-week stay in Pittsburgh, Pa. They are proud to announce the

birth of a new granddaughter, Katherine Ann Whittle. Her very happy parents are Donna (Iles) and Jeff Whittle. Her paternal grandparents are Norb and Dorothy White of Milwaukee, Wis. Katherine's brother, Daniel, and her sister, Kelly, are as pleased as punch to have a new baby sister.

On Sunday, March 19, Laura Hutchins had a birthday, birthday party. Her guests included her sister, Peggy Blake, who celebrated her 80th birthday, Greg Adams, who was celebrating his 42nd, Calla Cobb, who was celebrating her 17th, and Ricky McLain who just turned a year old. Others attending were Russell Yates, Lorena and Preston Cobb and Miranda McLain.

A dinner celebrating the 70th birthdays of Dotty and Roger Mills was given by their children on Saturday, March 18, at Rolandeau's in Auburn. Those attending were Joe and Peggy, Roger and Lucy, Phill and Paula, Corey and Shainna, Mike and Peg, Rick and Carolyn, Leslie and Charlie, Chris and Sheila, Brian and Sue, Doug and Beanie, Bruce and Tincia, and Mary and Phil Learned.

I've been a little under the weather lately so consequently I've been resigned to watching more TV than I usually do. During my watching I heard what has to be the "Most Stupid Question Ever Asked." Now I know that stupidity isn't very hard to find when watching the "boob tube," but I make it a rule to never turn the thing on before 7 p.m., and so I never watch the soaps or Oprah or things like that, so that cuts the stupidity down a lot.

But anyway, back to the most stupid question of all time, I mean it's right up there with "But aside from that, Mrs. Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?" and "How cold did you say the water was when you sank with the Titanic?" Anyway, Barbara Walters was interviewing the Ramseys, you know, the parents of the little murdered girl, and she asked them, on national television mind you, this question — "Tell me, did you murder your daughter?" Now what in the name of time did she think they were going to answer, "Yes, but we didn't mean to," "Yes, but it was just an accident," or how about, "Yes, but don't tell anyone." Does anyone edit Ms. Walters' material? Personally I think Ms. Walters deserves one of those stolen Oscars for Best Performance by a Moron.

Heard a new lawyer joke. What's brown and black and looks really good on a lawyer? See ya next week, unless cyberspace intervenes again.

Women's Wellness Conference April 8

The 10th annual Women's Wellness Conference will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crescent Park School in Bethel. The event is a collaboration between regional health care providers including the Bethel Family Health Center, Swift River Health Care, Northern Oxford Health and Service Council and Western Maine OBGYN. SAD44 Adult Education is providing overall management for the conference.

Dixie Mills, MD, FACS, is the breast specialist at Women to Women in Yarmouth, the innovative health center co-founded by Dr. Christiane Northrup. Before coming to Maine, Dr. Mills worked with Dr. Susan Love at her breast clinic and with the Mind/Body Clinic in Boston. Her keynote, "Women's Role in Healing," will cover the evolving role of feminine intuition in health care. She will review women's role in healing throughout history and offer specific tools for women to find, clarify and maintain their inner sense of knowing. How to work with health care providers to the advantage of both will also be discussed. Dr. Mills will participate in the post-keynote panel.

Wendy Legg Pollock is an Extension Educator in Oxford County with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. She has provided educational opportunities for area families on parenting and family issues for more than 23 years. Her workshop, "Caring for the Caregiver," will discuss the challenges caregivers face in providing care for a loved one who is in poor health or dying. The session will share helpful reminders and solutions to cope with and relieve stress.

Becky Mulkern, ND, is a naturopathic doctor with more than 20 years experience in the holistic field. She enjoys serving as a guide to individuals who are interested in creating vitality, wellness and healthy change in their lives. She directs the Center for Natural Health in Conway, N.H. In her workshop, "Peace of Mindfulness," she will discuss the latest research concerning the importance of meditation and the mastery of mental awareness for the health of the body, mind, emotions and spirit. This experiential workshop will allow the individual to have an opportunity to experience different states of mind and being. Dr. Mulkern will participate in the post-keynote panel.

Beth Myers has master's degrees in city and regional planning (with a specialization in health) and in clinical psychology, and is a certified NTL trainer. She and her husband, Tim McGuire, operate Swallow Song Farm in East Bethel where they grow MOFGA-certified organic perennials, selected annuals, produce and herbs for landscape work and for wholesale and retail trade. Her workshop, "Gardening for Peace and Health," will feature visualization and sharing of images of our ideal gardens. After a brief discussion of the attributes, benefits and challenges of organic gardening along with first steps and useful resources, participants will establish goals in preparation for spring gardening, organic or other. This session welcomes both the aspiring and seasoned gardener.

Patricia Touchette, RN, BSN, is an Aromatherapist and Independent Reiki Master Teacher, who has worked as a hospice nurse at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice for the past eight years. She is the

owner of Healthscents, where she treats clients with Reiki and Aromatherapy and sells her own line of related products. She is a frequent lecturer and workshop presenter. Her workshop on "Aromatherapy" will cover the use of pure essential oils for stress management, minor illnesses and such problems as PMS and peri-menopausal symptoms. She will also cover the safe use of essential oils with children and the elderly, and the making of massage oils, bath oils and healing perfume.

Deborah Lewis, BA, is an artist, educator and group facilitator. She offers people of all ages opportunities to have fun while learning through the exploration of a variety of media. Her workshop, "Art as a Way of Seeing," will demonstrate that art can be nurturing, playful and fun. It is an excursion into personal discovery — a safe opportunity to relieve stress and a way for your inner child to regain health through creative play. This is an experiential workshop for women wishing to re-discover and recover their sense of play.

Sara Jane Elliot, associate financial planner, MetLife Resources, has been a licensed retirement specialist for 15 years, working primarily with public school teachers. She has personally experienced the hardship of divorce and educating four children on her own. Currently, she is active as treasurer of the Maine Women's Fund, as a member of the Windham School Committee, and as co-clerk of the Portland Friends (Quaker) Meeting. Her workshop, "Investing in Your Future: Who Else but You?" will address such questions as Why save for the future? How much to save? Difference between saving and investing? Do I need a financial planner? Invest on the Internet? IRA vs. Roth IRA; which is right for me? What is asset allocation?

Jeanne Lapointe, LDT, dietary manager at Ledgeview Living Center, and Martha Harvey Webster, PhD, a nutrition consultant based in Gardiner, will co-present a workshop on "The Wise Path to Weight Control" identifying pitfalls of fad diets and sensible and healthy weight loss alternatives.

Ellen Crocker, MEd, has been a therapist for more than a quarter of a century and is currently in practice at Swift River Health Care in Rumford. Jan Whitworth, PA-C, practices family medicine at the Bethel Family Health Center. Their workshop, "Menopause: The Beginning or the End — or Just another Period?" is a discussion and presentation of the medical, psychological and spiritual implications of reaching The Age of Wisdom. What can you anticipate, what can you influence, and how can you create a time of newness and meaning? Jan Whitworth will also participate in the post-keynote panel.

Cathy Heffernan, CNM, MSN, has practiced lay midwifery, doing homebirths for 18 years, and then became a certified nurse midwife in 1996, currently in practice at Swift River Health Care in Rumford. She will participate in the post-keynote panel.

Other features of the 2000 Women's Wellness Conference include exhibits by an array of vendors and nonprofits and a luncheon catered by The Good Food Store. Childcare is available at no charge.

The fee for the conference is \$15, which includes lunch. A sliding fee scale is available. To register, call the SAD44 Adult Education office, 824-2780.

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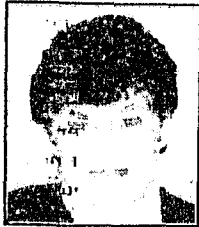
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Upton



by Eleanor LeComte

They say that the first robin has been spotted in Upton. You couldn't prove it by me. There is still a pretty good snow cover and worm gathering must still be on hold. The blackbirds arrived last week. Their noisy chattering in the trees is a welcome sign of better weather.

Yesterday morning, while sipping my first coffee of the day, a raccoon suspended himself from the roof, stole the suet ball and took off. I suppose it was better than a "bear" visit, but the woodpecker was pretty ticked off.

The selectmen's meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Appointments to various positions were made: road commissioner, Earl Largesse; code enforcement officer, Arthur Emery; librarians, Vi Bernier and Sue Angevine; health officer, Ellie LeComte; planning board, Jim Kenney; transfer station attendant, Rodney Harris.

The School Committee met on March 22. Student enrollment and transportation were discussed. Kent Rosberg has agreed to be the superintendent of schools for Upton for FY 2000-2001.

The Ladies Aid met March 21 at the Ladies Aid Building. Renovations were discussed. A memorial stained-glass window in memory of Elsie Fuller was planned. Members were advised to plan ahead for the annual Yard and Bake Sale. Two individuals wish to use the building for private events. A craft session followed the business meeting.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Albert Judkins, a longtime resident of Upton. Albert was compiling an updated genealogy of Upton residents. He was always willing to trade information on Upton in the past.

Congratulations to John and Donna Wentworth on the birth of their second little girl. Big sister Catlyn is thrilled with the new baby, as are the happy grandparents Simone and George Hamel and Joan Wentworth. Grandma Simone is recovering from surgery and is doing well. Walter Stanczyk has returned



TRAY RAFFLE--This tray, painted by Eleanor Brooks of Bethel, will be raffled off in conjunction with the Bethel Millennium brick project. The bricks, available for \$35 each, are engraved according to the purchaser's wishes and will be placed in the sidewalk in front of the Bethel Town Office. The name of anyone purchasing a brick

is automatically placed in the raffle for the tray. More than 100 bricks have been sold so far, and sales will continue until sometime later this spring. For more information or to purchase a brick, contact Janet Black at 824-0888 or Ruth Grover at 824-3341. Bricks may also be ordered at the Maine Press.

from Mississippi. He attended a reunion of Navy men who served aboard the aircraft carrier Iwo Jima. The calico deer has returned to the beach after a month's absence. We began to think that he had met a bad fate, when in fact he's gained weight and hangs out with the Dead Cambridge deer herd. Walter and Liz have been feeding him. They were able to get several good pictures of him.

The "Bird of the Week" is the fox sparrow. This delightful little fellow is ever present under the feeder, hopping and scratching for seeds. His resting spot is a Christmas wreath that is propped up against the garage. I'd like to discard the wreath since Easter isn't far away, but "Foxy" seems quite comfortable in it. The fox sparrow is an interesting little bird. He is

quite a bit larger than the house sparrow, being 6½ to 7½ inches in length. Boldly striped with rufous and white, he is quite visible. Sometimes they winter-over here, but this year he showed up early in March. He can make quite a racket scratching and jumping in the leaves searching for food. His coloring is sort of like the red fox, thus the name fox sparrow. Like ourselves he seems quite happy to welcome spring.

Roger Lavalley has agreed to accept a temporary position as town fire warden. Roger gives up one job and takes on another. No rest for the weary.

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Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

I was sorry to hear of the death of Albert Judkins Wednesday. Albert went to the Bethel Church of the Nazarene for many years and then was in Praise Assembly of God when I was there. He also was involved with the American Legion, and I met up with him a couple of times at the Bethel Historical Society. He was very amused when I didn't recognize him at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene where he had come to visit one Sunday. He had grown a luxuriant beard since I'd seen him last and having never

seen him with one I was completely at sea to who he was. It embarrassed me but made Albert's day.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to his family, and Albert had a large family. I was always meeting up with people who were related to Albert that I never expected existed. You add all his church family and friends and there are a lot of people feeling sad this day. I guess you can't have a much better epitaph than that unless it's "Well done, my good and faithful servant," and I figure he qualifies for that one, too.

On a happier note, we have had a gorgeous week weather wise. The last snowstorm has mostly melted away and the sun is working hard at melting the remaining banks. There are a lot of birds back from

wherever they go to spend the winter.

One of the pluses to having the weather better is the number of walkers out enjoying the warmth of the coming spring. Yes, I know it's spring already by the calendar but to me it is not spring until the birds are all back, the snow is gone and one can go out without a jacket. Anyhow, Jane and Jerry Poulakis were out walking today so I got a chance to visit with them for a minute. I may not have a backyard fence, so to speak, but that doesn't stop me from enjoying a chat with the neighbors when they are passing by.

My son, Ralph Mills, will be celebrating another birthday March 27. I remember thinking when they (he and Marcia) were little that I couldn't imagine them grown. The years seemed to stretch out ahead almost forever. Now looking back, how they have shrunk; like stretched elastic that has suddenly snapped back. I feel fortunate that I have been so blessed all these years; nearly everything I've wanted I've had -- a fine husband, children, friends and now Andy. My daughter once gave me a plaque that I've mentioned before, but maybe bears repeating. "There are two ways to be rich in this world -- one is to have lots of money and the other is to have few needs." What I have needed I've been given and that is being blessed indeed.

Bryant Pond

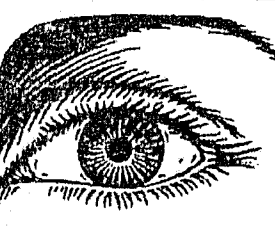


by Alice Hoyt

Remember kids, Patch the Pirate Club and Little Adventurers meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the same time as prayer meeting for adults at the Baptist Church. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday with morning service at 10:30 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m.

Help support your Tri-Town Ambulance Service on Saturday, April 8. From 4:30 to 6 p.m. they will be holding a turkey supper with all the fixings at the West Paris Grange Hall.

Children and adults -- remember National Library Week is April 9 to 15. The library will be holding special events every afternoon from 3



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Two of the best inventions in the world are Velcro and duct tape. Where would we be without them? I know that without duct tape none of my clothes would ever get hemmed or mended. Without Velcro little kids would actually have to learn to tie their shoes.

I think that we have become a society so dependent on these two materials that life as we know it would come to a screeching halt if the manufactures of Velcro and duct tape were to cease to exist. Things would literally fall apart.

One day, as I was duct taping the soles back on my sneakers with the Velcro closures, I started wondering how these miracle fibers came to be. So I went to my computer and got "on line" to see if I could chase down the origins of these products that have become my household repair salvation.

Believe it or not, there is a web site called ducttape.com and there is also Velcrousa.com. Who'd a think it?

Anyway, for those of you who don't have access to the Internet or the inclination to spend your valuable time researching the likes of Velcro or duct tape, I thought I would pass my findings on to you.

I always thought that Velcro was a relatively recent discovery, recent as in the last 20 years. As it turns out, Velcro and I were both born the same year.

The concept of Velcro was the brainchild of a Swiss mountaineer named George de Mestral back in 1948. I was the brainchild of someone else that same year, but I suspect that Velcro has proven to have far greater usefulness.

George, so the story goes, was having a grand old time on an Alpine hike one beau-

tiful summer day. The weather was perfect, the mountain air was clear and pure and all was well with George and the world. That is until he walked through some burdock brambles that scratched his legs and covered his socks.

George sat down on a rock and started pulling the burrs off his socks and, I suspect, doing a little Swiss swearing under the proverbial light came on. "What if?", he asked to no one, because he was alone on the mountainside except for his dog and maybe some Alpine goats. "What if there was a material that could stick together like the burrs stick to my socks?"

When George came down from the mountain he went around to a lot of people asking "What if?" And most of those people said he was spending too much time inhaling the thin air of the Alps and maybe he should stay away from the mountains and get a real job.

The naysayers didn't discourage our hero though and he went right on asking "What if?" until a textile manufacturer said "By George, I think you've got it, an idea that is that just may be the best thing since the Swiss clock!"

Well, it took a lot of work and imagination, but eventually George and the textile manufacturer invented Velcro. And the rest, as they say, is history. Velcro is one of the most widely used materials today. You are apt to find it on pocket books, coats, wristbands, clothing, and shoes; just about anywhere something needs to be stuck to something else. I'll bet you dollars to donuts that you would even find it inside a Swiss clock.

If not Velcro, you'll probably find duct tape, who's origins are even older, dating back to the 1920s. It was created by the 3M Company and was at that time simply "adhesive tape." It was very useful, but it didn't find its way as a repair staple until World War II. The American armed forces needed a strong, waterproof tape to keep moisture out of ammunition cases. Because it was waterproof, everyone referred to it as "duck" tape. This versatile tape was used as a mending material that could be ripped by hand and used to make quick repairs to jeeps, aircraft, and other military equipment.

The Johnson and Johnson Company, which had by then developed its own line of adhesive tapes, helped the war effort by combining cloth mesh, which rips easily, with a rubber-based adhesive, and then gave that combination a rubberized, waterproof coating and probably charged the military \$20 a roll. By today's military accounting it's probably more like \$150 a roll, but that's a subject for another column.

After the war, housing in the United States boomed, and many new homes featured forced-air heating and air-conditioning units that relied on duct work to distribute warmth and coolness. The strong military tape made the perfect material for binding and repairing the duct work. Thus the transition from "duck" tape to "duct" tape.

Today, duct tape is used for just about anything you can think of. I even found a company on the Internet that sells duct tape pocket-books, wallets and backpacks. I use it for just about everything except where Velcro is the better choice. With some things like some of my old bras, I hold them together with both.

The way I see it, God may have made the world, but Velcro and duct tape are holding it together.



...God may have made the world, but Velcro and duct tape are holding it together.

Super Crossword

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- 5 Grandpa McCoy
- 9 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 14 Ward of "Sisters"
- 18 "Typee" sequel
- 19 Callas or Caballe
- 20 Confess
- 21 Roman fountain
- 23 Stubborn
- 25 Courageous
- 27 Fantastic bargain
- 28 Envelop
- 30 "Xanadu" rock group
- 31 Trans
- 32 "Red"
- 34 Girl Scout unit
- 38 Diplomacy term
- 41 Winked or waved
- 45 Journalist Buchanan
- 46 Former autocrat
- 47 Actress Masser
- 48 Scrape by, "hit four"
- 49 Light weight Bombeck
- 51 Reformer Lucetta

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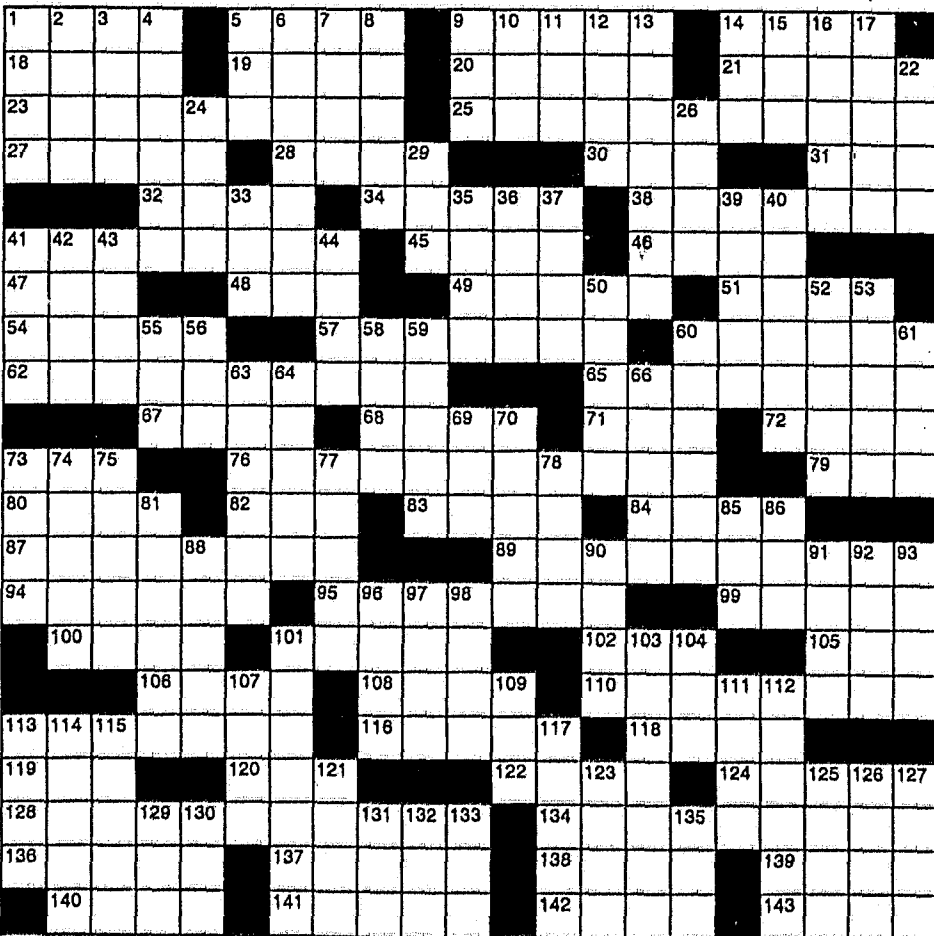
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- 69 "...man" mouse?"
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- 73 Myerson or Truman
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- 81 Telescope sighting
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- 92 Sicilian volcano
- 93 Disturb the deck

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- 97 A sweeping success?
- 98 Soldier on
- 101 More granular
- 103 Ideal
- 104 Woody herb
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- 109 Long or Peeples
- 111 Surveyor's need
- 112 Most indolent
- 113 Cat's dogs
- 114 Harveys
- 115 Davis of "Shade"
- 117 Vote in
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chowder, etc., at Bill and Sylvia Wight's one day last week. Mmm good. Good neighbors are there for me. Thank you Lord.

Mandy Berry celebrated her 19th birthday on Sunday evening at the Berry/Powers' residence. Joining the celebration were Nana and Bappy Wight, Terri Littlehale, Retta Berry, Ed Powers, Mike Wight, Brad, Brenda, Katie, Kurt and Kevin Wight, Marjorie, Jimmy, Erin and Wade Osgood, Jeff, Sheila, Casey and Mike Fleet, Jason Berry, Nate Wight and Scott Groves.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

The North Waterford Friendly Senior Citizens will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at the vestry of the North Waterford Church. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a meal. After that, the program will be a "Think Spring" mini-mock auction. If you have anything (a canned good, a plant, a novelty item) please bring it in for the little auction.

On March 22, 10 members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hannah F. Richardson Tent 19 met at the home of Eleanor Smith at Waterford Acres. In the absence of the president, the junior vice president, Loretta Andrews, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Under unfinished business, Heidi Shugars was installed as guide and Heather Shugars was installed as color bearer. This was done by Past Department President and Past National President Gail Butterfield. Under Good of the Order, appropriate readings were done by Eleanor Nelson and Elaine Legieux. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

A letter was read from the Sons of Union Veterans inviting us to meet with them at the AMVET Hall in Yarmouth for a program on April 22.

Plans were discussed about the D.U.V.s presenting the colors to the House of Representatives in Augusta on April 5. Several members showed interest in attending.

After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served by Eleanor Smith and members present.



J & K SPORTING GOODS of West Paris has recently added a line of Stihl power equipment. The Stihl brand of chain saws, brush cutters, power pole saws, lawn trimmers and backpack blowers are all available at the Route 26 store. Co-owner Kevin Hawthorne is shown here with the Stihl display. J & K, a division of Western Maine Power Equipment, also carries Jonsered power equipment and Yard King mowers as well as hunting and fishing equipment. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturdays, with extended hours during hunting season (674-3188).

Marilyn Jones won the mystery gift.

On Sunday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., the Rev. Warren Feustel will be starting a course at the Stoneham Town Hall involving the study of the Bible, to be completed in one year's time. You may call 928-2961, 925-6872 or 583-4511 for further information. These classes will be every other Sunday. It sounds like a good challenge and educational.

Don't you people just like these nice, springy mornings and days? The sap is flowing most everywhere, which will be made into nice, sweet maple syrup. My sister and I used to tap trees and gather the sap and boil it down and the syrup was so good on my mother's pancakes (called fritters).

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham

Spring is definitely here. The robins are back and the snow is quickly disappearing, if it hasn't already. The spring rains are predicted. Next week it will be April, National Poetry Month. If

you have been waiting all winter to compose that poem, now is the time to do it.

It was exciting to see that we have a new state poet laureate. It is someone I met at a poetry workshop several years ago. He is both a nice guy and a good poet. Look for some great State of Maine poems. Perhaps we can get him to Bethel for a reading.

Once this rain dries up, I hope it will be bicycle weather. The bikes are calling from their winter banishment and are raring to go. I haven't driven all the way down the road in awhile, so I do not know the conditions upriver, but others have been because I see them returning. It is great to see both joggers and bicyclists once again taking to the roads. Walkers have been in abundance all winter. Soon the traffic will let up enough to even make that safe. There are still a few idiots in a hurry to get wherever, but not too many anymore. The new signs denoting the speed limits may be helping, but probably it is just the decrease in traffic.

The 8th of April appears to be a double-booked day, but there should be something for everyone. At last glance, it was the day for Mahosuc Music and the Women's Health festivals. Both are great events, and this year they may be

back-to-back. And don't forget the pole, paddle and paw. That occurs on April Fool's Day, because who else would be dressed like that while going canoeing, shoeing and running. I may miss that event, but it is always fun to watch if you have Saturday free.

This is a short column, but I promise more next week. Feed me your tidbits and get to see your name in print. Have a good week.

From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

A man born in Bethel in 1823 could have changed the result of the 1876 presidential election had his view prevailed. Lafayette Grover, the first representative in Congress from the state of Oregon, and later a governor and United States senator from that state, attempted to influence the composition of the Electoral Commission, which was established to determine the disputed outcome of the electoral contest between Representative Rutherford B. Hayes and Democrat Samuel J. Tilden.

Grover, a highly partisan Democrat, lobbied to block the appointment of Representative John W. Watts as a member of the commission, since he was a fourth-class postmaster. His choice was E. A. Cronin, a Democrat. Democrat Tilden would have been elected president of the U.S. had Grover been more persuasive, but Watts was seated and voted for Hayes, thus ensuring the election of the Republican nominee.

A distinguished Civil War veteran, Grover also was well known for his anti-Chinese bias and his support for exclusion of Chinese immigrants to the United States.

The MAP III Steering Committee of the Bethel Historical Society met this week and made plans for interviewing the community, selecting a tour group, and considering the final exercise.

Donations of salable items for the society's St. Never's Day Yard Sale on May 27, to benefit the capital campaign, are being solicited. All items except clothing are welcome as long they are in good condition. Anyone with items to donate is urged to call the society (824-2908) for pickup or can be left on the side porch of the Robinson House at any time.

From the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Many thanks to Cathi DiCocco for hosting a wonderful Business After Hours at her Main Street eatery. The fare is extraordinary and the company was wonderful.

Welcome to our newest member of the chamber, CMP, Harry A. Lanphear, managing director for customer support operations, representative. As stated in his letter, "At CMP we feel that it is critical to support the initiatives of the chambers throughout our service territory in Maine. We are especially interested in your efforts to support economic development in your local area. CMP is working on several new programs to help businesses stay in Maine and grow." Welcome aboard, CMP.

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Chamber Open House on Tuesday, April 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the chamber's information center (behind the Casablanca Cinema in the Bethel Train Station). Refreshments and beverages will be plentiful, thanks to many of our members.

Congratulations to all of the teams who participated in the eighth annual Mountain Madness Alpine Derby. Special thank you to our Lead Partner, Norway Savings Bank; and to our Gold Partners, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Megalink, and the Shipyard Brewing Company. Thank you, also, to our Silver Partners: Adelphia, Chalmers Insurance, Goodwin's Insurance, Hancock Lumber, Hawthorne Investment Management, J.S. McCarthy Company Printers, and North Center Foodservice. Dunkin' Donuts helped start the day off with coffee and doughnuts and the Good Food Store, Bethel Foodliner, Oxford Shop 'n Save, and Maine Market supplied great food for everyone. The folks at Mt. Abram Ski Resort are as gracious as can be and put in an order for perfect weather for the day.

Twelve highly talented teams participated in the event. Top finishers were as follows: Team SKI Depot, consisting of Kenny Jacques, Ronnie Jacques, Mickey Forbes and Nolan Dubord, proved to be the fastest overall team on the hill, followed by the Shipyard Brewing Company team. The Big Adventure Center team, made up of Bill Dunton, Todd Swan, Brandon Yap and Alex Poland, tied for fastest mixed (combined equipment) team with the American Skiing Company, consisting of George Driscoll, Doug Pereira, Ali Miller and Andrew Ecker. Leading the pack for the best guess mystery time was team Megalink, consisting of Dan Bergeron, Dale Pray, Marcia Ross and Sandy Wyman. Susan Driscoll was the winner of the grand prize drawing and received a pair of Rossignol Cobra X10.2 skis, courtesy of Megalink.

Thank you to David Conary, Heather Hale and Gary Brearly for all their efforts in making this such a fun event.

From the Telstar Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the Telstar Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Telstar High School library. Attendance was good. At our next meeting we will be discussing: finishing plans for the May dance at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills featuring the Impalas, information and input from alumni on putting together a newsletter and getting it distributed, and getting current addresses and e-mail addresses for all alumni from 1969 to present graduates. All alumni information can be sent to the school at 284 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, ME 04217, and it will be forwarded to the association.

Class members from the graduating years of 1975 and 1985 were present and in the process of planning their reunions for the coming August. Class members from the five-year reunion years are invited and urged to attend any of our regular monthly meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of the month, and we always welcome your input on your

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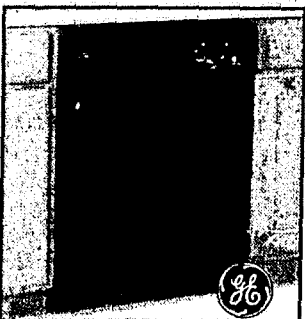
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Sunday River plans college program

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

The seeds of higher education, available here in the Bethel area, will begin to sprout soon. Sunday River Ski Area, in cooperation with the University System of New Hampshire/College for Lifelong Learning (CLL) in Berlin, NH, will begin the first semester of an associate and bachelor degree program.

An information session will be April 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sunday River's Discovery Center, located next to the South Ridge base lodge.

The program will offer a two-year Associate degree in Business or a four-year Bachelor degree in Management. Structured around the ski season, classes will be held in the fall and spring, with optional electives in the summer. The winters will allow for full time work at the resort.

Program participants working at the resort during the winter can take advantage of a tuition reimbursement offered to Sunday River employees. After completing one season of work, they will receive reimbursement for half the tuition of two classes. The level of reimbursement increases with additional years of employment.

Chip Seamans, managing director

of Sunday River, views the program as a recruiting and retention tool as well as a boon to current employees and area residents. One of Sunday River's biggest challenges is recruiting and training a work force each fall. He hopes that a program like this will help employees feel they can work each winter, attend classes the rest of the year, and look toward a long-term career on the mountain.

Both CLL and Sunday River hope to hold classes at Sunday River. Because CLL is part of the University System of New Hampshire rather than a Maine university, the program will have to be approved by the Maine State Board of Higher Education. If such approval is not forthcoming, the classes will take place in Gorham, N.H.

Currently, the plan is to start small. CLL hopes for 15 student interns, a perfect number for each class. The students will have an academic advisor to help them in course selection, career planning, financial aid, and other academic support needs. The academic advisors will also work closely with the students' supervisors at Sunday River to insure continuity between their studies and their winter work.

The College for Lifelong Learning focuses on higher education for adults beyond the traditional campus setting. They work to tailor each person's education to their needs. This philosophy will extend to the Sunday River partnership.

For students working at Sunday River, the jobs offered will make use of the increasing skills and knowledge gained from the course work each year. This will offer the students diverse employment opportunities with increasing responsibilities, and the opportunity to compile a substantial resume by the time they earn their degree.

Sunday River hopes to benefit from the ongoing skills the students will receive, as well. After the fall semester, employees in the program will bring new skills to the job from a variety of classes including Critical Thinking, Software Tools, Natural History of Northern New England, and Principles of Management.

The Sunday River/CLL Partnership has been designed for Sunday River to recruit employees for the resort, but is also open to area residents.

For more information, attend the information session on April 15 or contact CLL at (603) 752-4224.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNER
Gould Academy senior Emily Parsons, of Bethel, has been selected to receive the 2000 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. In making the award, Headmaster Clough noted that "for four years Emily Parsons has demonstrated to the Gould Academy community that it is possible to successfully balance high principles and seriousness of purpose with kindness and self-effacing good humor. She has truly 'done high school right.'" Parsons, Clough and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at the Bangor Civic Center on Saturday.



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Dr. Henry Jenkins, a professor of literature and the Director of Comparative Media Studies at MIT, will explore the complex issues of childhood and adolescence in a hyper-mediated world in a presentation at Gould Academy in Bethel, ME, on April 4 at 10 a.m. in Bingham Auditorium, and the public is invited to attend.

In April of 1999 Jenkins testified before the Senate Commerce Committee following the Columbine High School shootings and encouraged policy makers to "think less about what the media are doing to our children and more about what our children are doing with media."

Adults' discomfort with children's relationships with digital media has spawned an increase in moral panic, a frantic search for a quick answer to place blame and responsibility for senseless actions. In

response, Professor Jenkins and fellow MIT associates and students have coordinated a series of presentations in communities throughout the country to encourage conversations between educators and families.

In addition to the formal school-based sessions, weekly web-based conversations with participating faculty and students will be structured in chat centers in partnership with Teen.Com. Families and educators who attend a presentation can join in on-line conversations covering numerous topics including politics, multicultural issues, music, sports, and television, based on expertise and preference of the Comparative Media Studies moderators.

Jenkins holds a master's degree in Communication Studies from the University of Iowa and a Ph.D. in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. To date he has published six books and more than fifty essays concerning the social and cultural impact of popular culture.

For information about Professor Jenkins' presentation, contact the Gould Academy Public Affairs Office at 824-7778.

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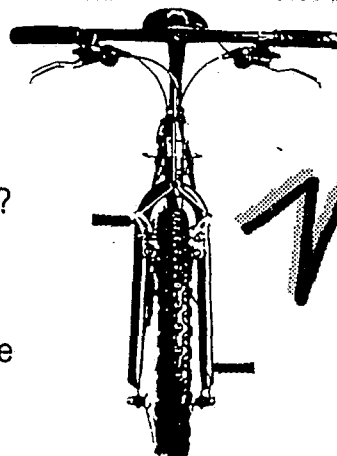
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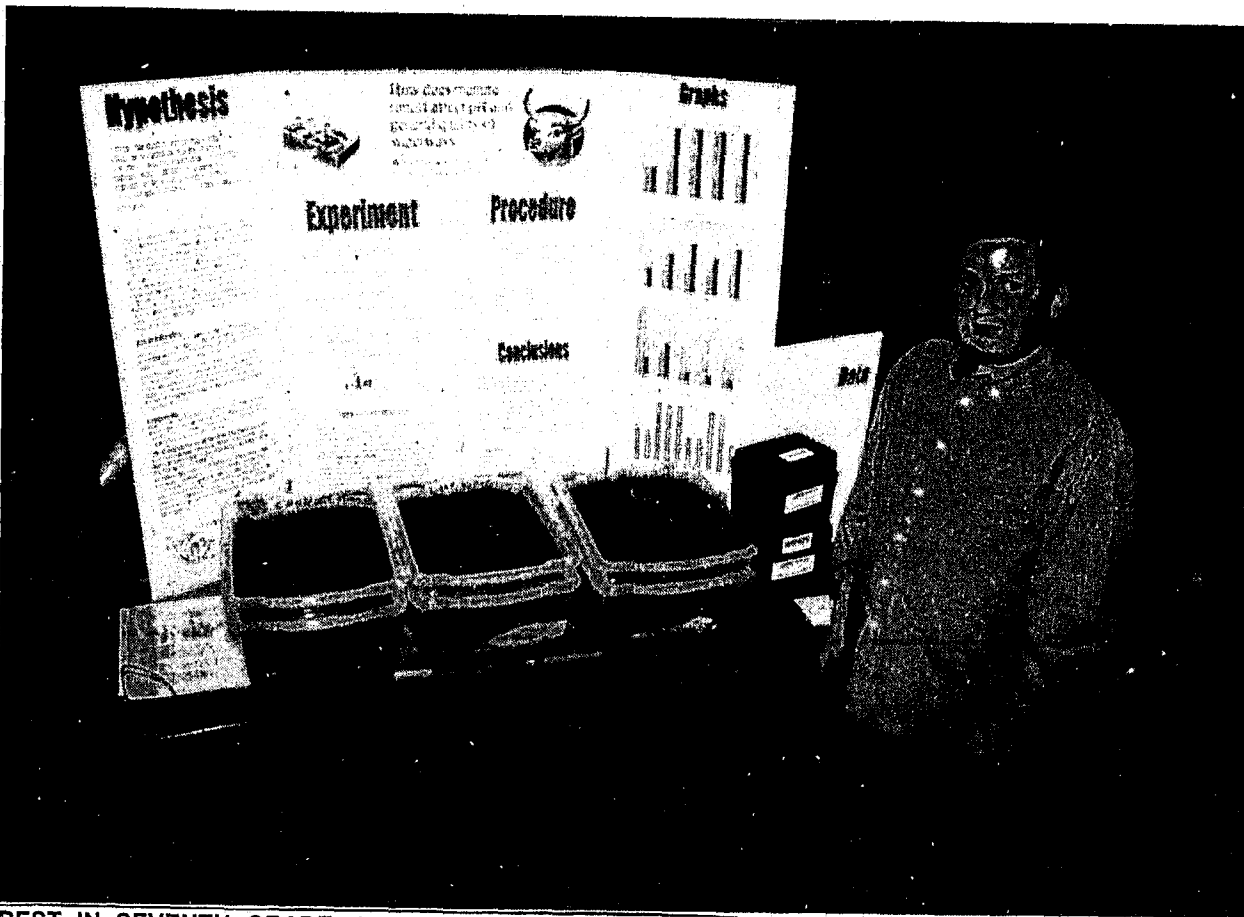
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BEST IN SEVENTH GRADE—Lorenzo Baker took first place for seventh-graders in last week's TMS Science Fair. Baker measured the concentration and flow of phosphorus through turf, as part of his investigation of the environmental effect of runoff from an animal barn. He will compete next in the Sandy Andy Regional Science Fair April 27.
(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

TMS holds second annual Science Fair

Telstar Middle School held its second annual Science Fair on March 24. The entire school participated, and more than 160 projects were displayed and judged. All projects were based on using the scientific method to investigate a problem or question.

Five projects from each grade level were eventually chosen as first through fifth place winners. The 15 projects will go to the Sandy Andy Regional Science Fair at the University of Maine at Farmington on April 27. Winners in each grade were: sixth grade—first, Kyle Kuvaja; second, Julia Rhinelander; third, Sean Caddigan; fourth, Will Carver; fifth, Kayla Mills; seventh grade—first, Lorenzo Baker; second, Frank Emerson; third, Clayton Smith and T.J. Savage; fourth, Andrew Raymond; fifth, Jen Cox and Katy Gasdik; eighth grade—first, Megan Kelly and Katie Reed; second, Santana Wilson and Monica Helms; third, Alex Best and Simon Dumont; fourth, Peter Poor and

Kurt Wight; fifth, Nick Gray-Thompson.

Semi-Finalists in the competition were — sixth grade: Danielle Forkus, Margaret Duplessis and Sarah Swan, Denis Corrin, Colleen Slattery, Tiffany Jordan and Chelsea Cozzolino, Kelsey Dole and Nicole McInerney, Melissa Yasko, Naomi Fraser and Brandi Figueroa, Roy DePasuale, Connie Johnson, Jillian Kimball, Heather Demarest, Dana Wilson and Lindsay Hart; seventh grade: Glendon Carver and Karl Olson, Megan Bailey and Kayla Cole, Kara Jacques and Amy Gaidis, Kevin Zinchuk and Bill Marshall, Ashley Gould and Jennifer Hodgkin, Thomas Scotti and Finn Donovan, Jessica James and Lacey Gammon, Jenna Hardy, Matt Mills; eighth grade: Precious Gaudreau and Ashley Stambolis, Alanna Borst and Michelle Walker, Dan Dunham and Orin Hayes, Nicole Emerson and Alyson Storek, Ben Shimamura and Andrew Lowe, Zane Howe and Casey

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Judges from area businesses also provided special Business Awards of Excellence. Winners were: Chadbourne Award: Chris Duplessis and Brock Merrill, Julia Rhinelander; Pooh Corner Award: Priscilla Thurston, Melissa Yasko; Bethel Area Health Center Award: Kevin Zinchuk and Bill Marshall, Chea Davis and Siobhan Henley; Sunday River Award: Naomi Fraser and Brandi Poland; Bethel Citizen Award: Will Carver, Santana Wilson and Monica Helms; Rite Aid Award: Jenna Hardy; Bethel Outdoor Adventure Award: Sam Angevine and Brian Piawlock, Kayla Mills; Maine Conservation School Award: Alex Best and Simon Dumont; Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Award: Charli McGrew and Mallory Brown, Glendon Carver and Karl Olson, Nick Gray-Thompson.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF APRIL 3

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program

Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Telstar Middle/High School Lunch Program

Monday: Rib B.B.Q., h/b bun, garden peas, assorted fruit juice, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Beef stew, green beans, bread/butter, cheese slice, congo bar, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, potato chips, beef ravioli, hot dog (turkey)/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey/gravy, mashed potato, yellow wax beans, bread/butter, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, chicken patty, h/b bun, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Double meat hamburger, sliced carrots, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, fishwich, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

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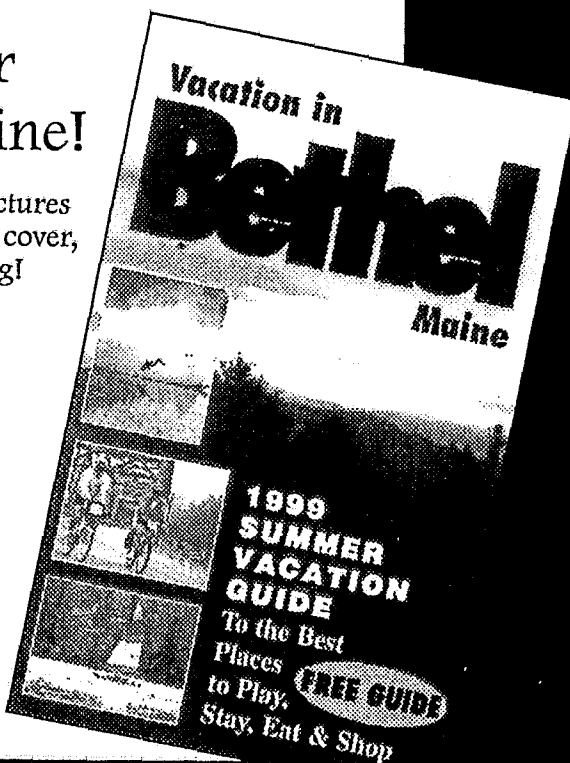
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Community Calendar

Activities

Public Computer Access: The Adult Learning Center is open for free computer use by adults during the Learning Center hours: Mondays from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All lab users must complete a SAD44 Acceptable Use Policy regarding Internet and e-mail use. A public access computer is available at the Adult Education/ITV office at Telstar on Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 824-2780 to check on availability.

Road Cycling, Sundays beginning April 2, 9 a.m. at Davis Park. For information call Buzz at 824-3060.

"Hello Dolly" — March 30, 31, April 1 and 2 — The Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School-Community Broadway Show will be presented in the OHCHS school auditorium. Tickets for the show on sale at Books 'n Things, Oxford. Tickets: \$7 for children through eighth grade and senior citizens 62 and over, and \$9 for adults.

Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. to noon — Brighten up April by planting your own miniature garden. Kids from 5 to 10 years welcome to come and make their own indoor garden, just like Linnea makes in Stockholm. Bring a cake pan or deep tray. Cost: \$2. Please reserve a space by calling 743-8820. The McLaughlin Foundation, South Paris.

Musical Supper, 5:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the music of the Richard Felt Band until 9:30 p.m. at the Locke Mills American Legion Hall. Supper menu will be a variety of dishes. Cost: \$3 for children under 12, all others \$6, for supper and dance and a chance to win door prizes.

Rumford Coffee House, United Methodist Church, Rumford, will feature acoustic mayhem with "Turkey Hollow Consort," folk/country trio of Tom Rowe, Denny Breau, David Rowe. Time: 2 p.m. Admission: \$5. For more information, call 545-2413 or 364-2617.

Rick Charette and the Bubble Gum Band will perform at 4 p.m. at Muskie Auditorium, Mountain Valley High School, Rumford, to benefit Kids' World of Fun and Wonder. Advance tickets on sale at Shop 'n Save and Kids' World Museum. Adults: \$6; children, \$5 in advance or \$8 and \$7 at the door. Rick Charette will greet and sign autograph at Kids' World Museum, 138 Franklin Street—admission \$1.

Spring Open House at The Village Sampler, Main Street, Bethel, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 2, 4 to 7 p.m. — Benefit supper for JoAnn and Ron Farris at Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills. Raffles, 50/50, door prize. Adults, \$6; children 7-12, \$2.50.

Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m. — Dr. Henry Jenkins, professor of literature and director of Comparative Media Studies at MIT, will explore complex issues of childhood and adolescence in a hyper-mediated world at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Public invited. For more information, call 824-7778.

Wednesday, April 5, North Waterford Friendly Senior Citizens meeting 11:30 a.m., followed by a meal at vestry of North Waterford Church. Please bring a canned good, plant or novelty item for the mock auction.

Thursday, April 6, Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at Franklin Grange Hall, Bryant Pond. Linda Hooker of TRIAD will be speaker.

"The Bobs" will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium as part of the Gould Academy Performing Arts Series. "The Bobs" are a four-member a capella group known for their incredible live show, witty, tuneful, original material and outrageous covers of classic songs. Tickets: \$6 for adults and \$4 for students (available at door). For more information, call Vicki Rackliffe at 824-3575.

Saturday, April 8, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Girls' Softball sign-ups at Gould Academy Field House.

Women's Wellness Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Fee: \$15 includes luncheon and free childcare. Call the Adult Education office (824-2780) for details or to register.

Turkey Supper, 4:30 to 6 p.m., at West Paris Grange Hall, Church Street, West Paris, sponsored by Tri-Town Rescue to raise money for a new defibrillator. Admission: \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Mountain Jam, sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council at Telstar Regional High School. 1 to 4 p.m. youth and teen categories. Prize money.

"On the Waterfront," starring Marlon Brando, a 108-minute black and white movie will be shown at Denmark Arts Center, Route 160, Denmark Village. Donation at the door. No children, please.

Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., sponsored by Lovell United Church of Christ at the church, Route 5, Center Lovell. Food, lunch, crafts, flea market items, antiques, furniture. For more information or for table rental, call Claire at 925-2171.

Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. — Newry Mothers Club meeting.

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. — Telstar Alumni Association meeting at the Telstar Library. All Telstar alums welcome and encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/luncheon at Locke Mills Legion Hall.

Saturday-Sunday, April 15-16, 9 a.m. — Three on Three Basketball Tournament at Crescent Park Elementary School. \$48 per team in advance. Profits for Maine Lung Association. Both men and women's divisions and over-35 age divisions (if enough registrants in each). Prizes. Make check payable to Cathy Heffernan, P.O. Box 1116, Bethel, ME 04217 (deadline April 1). For more information, call Cathy at 824-4237.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Afterschool program, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Interim Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 836-6005 or 824-7289 for more info.

Our Lady of the Snows--Mass--Saturday, 5 p.m. thru March. 743-2606. Note: A Eucharistic Adoration service will take place every Thursday during Lent at St. Catherine's Catholic Church at 32 Paris St., Norway. Time: 3 to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-2289.

United Methodist--Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union--Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church--Ash Wednesday service March 8 at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m. (No house church third week of March). 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends--a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)--Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God--10:30 a.m. first third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: Clayton Sweat 824-8231.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service. 665-3133.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--Closed for winter recess. Please join us in the spring.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite. 392-1121.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational--Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study Thursday evenings at Pastor Gammon's home in Woodstock.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)--Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church--Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)--Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church--Sunday service, Sunday School, 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris--UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June). 674-2365.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services--Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Rebel Recreation Restaurant, West Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m. Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460, the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Frank Gibson home, North Road, Bethel, at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

FACTS (Family/Friends and Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Recreation Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 30, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!				Star Trek: Voyager	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "The Cowboy and the Movie Star"				Magick-Las Vegas	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Daddio	Frasier	Battery	ER	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire		Wonderland	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Mystery!			Digital Divide-Technology			
(22)	College Basketball: NIT Championship				College Basketball: Slam Dunk & 3-Point		Sportscenter			
(34)	Matt Houston		Movie: "Outback Bound"				Auto Racing: Outlaws -- Fort Worth Challenge			
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Diagnosis Murder		Chicago Hope		48 Hours	News		
(41)	Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. New York Mets						FOX Sports News	Geniuses	Last Word	
(15)	"American Flyers" Cont'd		Cancer: Evolution to Revolution				OneNight	Real Sex 22		
(17)	Movie: "Tower of Terror"		Movie: "Splash"				Movie: "Parent Trap II"			
(18)	"Best Men" Cont'd		Movie: "You've Got Mail"				Movie: "Idle Hands"	I Like		
(20)	Bruins	NHL Hockey: St. Louis Blues at Boston Bruins					Bruins	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "The Lottery"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Predator 2"				Movie: "Universal Soldier"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Catdog	Catdog	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"Promise Her Anything"		Movie: "Stalag 17"				Movie: "The Razor's Edge"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Back to the Future Part II"			Crush		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Love Chronicles	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Hostile Advances: The Kerry Ellison Story"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 31, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Poltergeist"				Star Trek: Voyager	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	"Bushwhacked" Cont'd		Lance Burton-Magician		Higher Ground		Exploring the Unknown	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence		Dateline		Law & Order	News		
(8)	Fortune	AHL Hockey: St. John's Maple Leafs at Portland Pirates						News		
(10)	News-Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Wall St		Keeping Up	Served	Served	National Desk		
(22)	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semi.				Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semi.		Sportscenter			
(34)	18 Wheels of Justice		Extreme Wrestling		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Auto Racing: Outlaws -- Fort Worth Challenge			
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Kids Say	Cosby	Now and Again		Nash Bridges	News		
(41)	NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Boston Celtics				Sports	FOX Sports News	Geniuses	Last Word		
(15)	The X-Files	El Dorado	Movie: "A Perfect Murder"			Movie: "No Way Back"		Dennis M.		
(17)	So Weird	Movie: "Alley Cats Strike!"			Movie: "Susie Q"		Bug Juice	So Weird		
(18)	"Last Action Hero"		Movie: "Intern"			Movie: "The Negotiator"				
(20)	Front Row	Football Feva		Red Sox	Preseason Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Boston Red Sox			Once and Again		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "The Terror Inside"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Preseason Baseball: Atlanta Braves vs. Baltimore Orioles						Movie: "Goldfinger"			
(24)	U Pick Nicktoons				Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"Of Mice and Men"		Movie: "Of Mice and Men"				Cinema	Movie: "Reptilicus"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Field of Dreams"			Movie: "Mr. Baseball"		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		L.A. Detectives		Poirot	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Dick Tracy"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 1, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Major League II"				Frasier	Mad	Star Trek: Voyager	
(32)	Movie: "Dutch" Cont'd		Movie: "North"				Movie: "Funny Farm"			
(6)	Fam. Feud	Seinfeld	Pretender		The Others		Profiler	News	Sat. Night	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Best Commercials-Never		Figure Skating: World Championships		News	NYPD Blue		
(10)	Made In	Opinion	Adventure Divas -- Cuba		Antiques Roadshow		Maine Independents	Red Green	Red Dwarf	
(22)	Figure Skating: World Champ.		Cheerlead	ESPNNews			Baseball	Sportscenter: Final Four Edition		
(34)	"Tom Sawyer" Cont'd	Opry	Grand Opry		He Touched Me		Oak Ridge Boys	Opry	Grand Opry	
(13)	College Basketball		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Nat'l Semi.				King	News		
(41)	Celtics	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers			Sports		Major League Soccer			
(15)	"Nothing but Trouble"		Movie: "Forces of Nature"				Sopranos	Boxing		
(17)	So Weird	Movie: "Legend of Pirate's Point"			Movie: "The Next Karate Kid"			Bug Juice		
(18)	Robin Hood of Thieves		Movie: "Young Guns II"				Movie: "The Gelayway"			
(20)	AHL Hockey: Springfield Falcons at Providence Bruins						ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	"Someone Is Watching"		Movie: "Cries Unheard: The Donna Yaklich Story"				Oh Baby	Golden	Any Day Now	
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "The Train Robbers"				Movie: "True Girl"			
(24)	Skeeter	Kenan-Kel	Rugrats	Amanda	Eddie	All That	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Desi	
(25)	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	Movie: "The Endless Summer"			
(26)	Movie: "Mr. Baseball"				Movie: "Dazed and Confused"			Nat'l Lamp.		
(27)	Love Chronicles		Biography		Trisha Yearwood Live by Request			Top 10		
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Ill. Luckiest	Bulls Eye		NBA Basketball: Charlotte Hornets at Chicago Bulls			News	Missing II	
(39)	Capital	Sports	Worldview	Movers	Larry King Weekend		Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight	

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 2, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Movie: "The Bedroom Window"				7 Days		Wild Things	
(32)	The Night of the Twisters		Movie: "The Spiral Staircase"				Movie: "Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows"			
(6)	NBA Basketball: Knicks at Lakers				Movie: "Anaconda"			News	Big Break	
(8)	Movie: "Mail to the Chief"				Be a Millionaire	Practice		News	Paid Prog.	
(10)	National Geographic		Nature				Masterpiece Theatre		Mystery!	
(22)	Reporters	Sportscenter		NCAA		Women's College Basketball		Sportscenter		
(34)	Fishin'	Fishing	Outdoor	Grigsby		Championship Bull Riding		Shooter	NASCAR	Car
(13)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "The President's Man"			News		
(41)	Goin' Deep		Boxing: Sunday Night Fights				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(15)	Movie: "Home Fries"				Sopranos		Movie: "Lost & Found"			
(17)	So Weird	Bug Juice	Famous	Famous	Walt Disney Presents		Movie: "Superdad"		Mouseter	
(18)	"The Avengers" Cont'd		Movie: "Creepshow"				Movie: "Die Hard"			
(20)	Fan Atlic: Bruins 69-70				ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	When He Didn't Home		Movie: "The Perfect Mother"				Any Day Now	Beyond Chance		
(5)	"The War Wagon" Cont'd		Movie: "McLintock"					Movie: "The Quiet Man"		
(24)	Tale Silver	Amanda	Caillan	Nick News	Instant Gratification					
(25)	Come Back	Screen	Movie: "A Place in the Sun"				Movie: "A Big Hand for the Little Lady"			
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat		Cover Me: FBI Family		Pacific Blue		La Femme Nikita	Law & Order		
(27)	Top 10		Biography							
(12)	Movie: "Crimes and Misdemeanors"				Total Recall 2070		News	Replay	Bzzz!	Beastmr
(39)	Worldview	Sports	Worldview	Pinnacle	CNN & Time		Cold War		Sports	NBA Wk.

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 3, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Parkers	Grown Ups	Malcolm	Star Trek: Voyager	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "Lean on Me"				Famous Families	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		Twenty One		Third Watch	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Picture Perfect"				Once and Again	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience		Brother, Can You Spare	To Contrary	Religion	
(22)	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Figure Skating: World Championships		Baseball	Sportsctr.		
(34)	Matt Houston		Movie: "Who Is Julia?"				Life and Times-Waltons	Matt Houston		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Raymond		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Nat'l Champ.		News		
(41)	Basketball: Globetrotters vs. Col. All-Stars				Inside Winston Cup		FOX Sports News	Geniuses	Last Word	
(15)	"The Pick-Up Artist"		I Still Know What You Did			Movie: "No Alibi"		Pimps Up		
(17)	Movie: "Toothless"				Movie: "Escape to Witch Mountain"		Movie: "A Kid in Aladdin's Palace"			
(18)	"Wrongfully Accused"				Movie: "Any Which Way You Can"		Movie: "Die Hard 2"			
(20)	Front Row	Tennis: IGA Superhtrift Classic				Front Row	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Beyond Chance		Movie: "All She Ever Wanted"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Encino Man"				Movie: "Twins"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thomberys	Thomberys	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"The Chase" Cont'd		Hollywood		Movie: "Marnie"				Paradise, Hawaiian Style	
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone	Farmclub.com		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		City Confidential	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Runaway Train"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 4, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning					Frasier	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "Nell"				Awesome Acts	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	3rd Rock	God, Devil	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	Dateline	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Be a Millionaire		Dharma	Sports Nt	NYPD Blue	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Hidden Worlds		Nova		Frontline	Code Rush		
(22)	Baseball Tonight		Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners				Sportscenter			
(34)	Matt Houston		Merle Haggard: For the Record				Matt Houston			
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		Falcone		Falcone	News		
(41)	Celtics	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Charlotte Hornets					FOX Sports News	Geniuses	Last Word	
(15)	Movie: "Clueless"		28 Days		Movie: "Forces of Nature"			Sopranos		
(17)	Movie: "Noah"				"The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes"		Movie: "Noah"			
(18)	"Revenge of the Nerds"		Movie: "Harlem Nights"				Movie: "Die Hard With a Vengeance"			
(20)	Front Row	Sports	Planet X	Planet X	Planet X	Front Row	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Silent Cradle"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Major League Baseball: Colorado Rockies at Atlanta Braves					Movie: "The Final Countdown"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rocket	Rocket	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"Fear Strikes Out" Cont'd		Hollywood's Hot Wheels		Movie: "Dragstrip Girl"			Movie: "The Greatest Show on Earth"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "One Eight Seven"			Crush		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Inside Story	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Oscar"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 5, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Florida Panthers						Star Trek: Voyager	Mathis	
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "The Outsiders"				Higher Ground	700 Club		
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		West Wing		Law & Order	News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Two Guys	Then Came	Drew Carey	Spin City	20/20	News		
10	NewsHour-Lehrer		Showcase: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Requiem					Faith, Hope and Capital		
(22)	Major League Baseball: Teams to Be Announced				Baseball Tonight			Sportscenter		
(34)	Matt Houston		Dead Man's Gun		18 Wheels of Justice		Magnificent Seven	Matt Houston		
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	City of Angels		60 Minutes II		Falcone	News		
(41)	Baseball	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Detroit Pistons				FOX Sports News		Geniuses	Last Word	
(15)	Movie: "Major League: Back to the Minors"				Sopranos		Oz	Another Day in Paradise		
(17)	Backstreet Boys		Movie: "Alley Cats Strike!"			Movie: "Frankenstein and Me"		MusicVids	Smart Guy	
(18)	Geronimo: Amer. Legend		Movie: "Waiting to Exhale"				Movie: "Warm Texas Rain"			
(20)	College Baseball: Florida State at Jacksonville					Red Sox	Major League Baseball: Red Sox at Mariners			
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Blessed Assurance"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!			WCW Thunder	Ripley's Believe It or Not!			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"Broken Lance" Cont'd		Movie: "The Comancheros"				Movie: "The Manchurian Candidate"			
(26)	JAG		JAG		Crush	Friends	Masters Tournament	Walker, Texas Ranger		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		American Justice	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Encino Man"			News		MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsland	Sports	Moneyline	

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Telstar Alumni

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class reunion. Your class may have money available.

The Telstar Alumni Association would like to have class reunions to take place on Alumni Weekend, which will always be the second weekend in August at Telstar. It's our hope to keep all alumni activities centered around Alumni Day. Reunion years are as follows: 1970 (30 years), 1975 (25 years), 1980 (20 years), 1985 (15 years), 1990 (10 years), and 1995 (five years).

The next regular alumni association meeting will be on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Telstar library. Please come and join us and share your ideas. Remember, it's your alumni association.

From

Tri-Town Rescue

Tri-Town Rescue is sponsoring a turkey dinner Saturday, April 8, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Paris Grange Hall, to raise money for a defibrillator. To date nearly \$4,000 has been raised toward the \$11,500 goal for a new defibrillator to replace a very old machine and a battery charging system for all three units.

The turkey dinner, sponsored by the auxiliary, will feature turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, squash, cooked carrots and peas, mashed potatoes (the real kind), homemade pies, and homemade rolls. No one will leave hungry.

Other fundraising activities are planned for the future, including a tollbooth in Bryant Pond during better weather. Donations for the defibrillator fund may be mailed to Tri-Town Rescue, attention Viola Whitman, treasurer, P.O. Box 275, West Paris, E 04289.

Tri-Town Rescue is seeking new members. If interested in fundraising and auxiliary work, contact Annella Burnham (665-2005). If interested in driving the ambulance or becoming trained as an EMT, contact Mike Dixon, chief, or Norm St. Pierre, assistant chief, at 674-2400. The ambulance personnel meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday night at 6:30. Search and Rescue meets the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., both at the training station at Trap Corner.

From the

North Waterford Friendly Seniors

The North Waterford Friendly Senior Citizens will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at the vestry

of the North Waterford Church. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a meal. After that, the program will be a "Think Spring" mini-mock auction. If you have an item (a canned good, a plant, a novelty item, or whatever) please bring it for the mock auction. Most of all, come.

From the

West Paris Public Library

Some of the upcoming events for the month of April at the West Paris Public Library:

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome, just call the library for more information.

The Building Committee meets on Monday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m., and the trustees meet afterward at 7 p.m.

The Friends of the Library meet on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m.

There will be an after-school program on Wednesday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m. We will be decorating flowerpots with seashells the librarian brought back from her trip down South. We also will be learning about some of the shells and a little about alligators.



THE BOBS—On Thursday, April 6, the Gould Academy Performing Arts Series will present The Bobs, a four-member cappella group known for their live show, witty, tuneful, original material, and outrageous covers of classic songs. The Bobs — Richard Bob Greene, Matthew Bob Stull, Amy Bob Engelhardt, and Joe Bob Finetti — are four dynamic personalities who come together on stage to present a show that is part theater, part comedy, part performance art, but most of all a unique evening of music. The Bobs are a "band without instruments," using just their voices and body percussion to fill the theater with an orchestra of harmonious sound, accompanying themselves on songs that range from soulful to satire, from amazing to moving, from familiar to unimaginable. The Bobs' Thursday evening performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students; tickets are available at the door. For more information, contact Vicki Rackliffe at (207) 824-3575.

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Applications must be submitted to the Town Office by noon, Friday, March 31, 2000. Interested persons may call the Town Office at 824-2669 for further information.

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"SPITFIRE GRILL" is looking for an ambitious, creative and energetic manager/cook to rent its fully equipped restaurant in the Bethel/Gilead area. FMI phone 824-4224. 29ft
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TWO SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS - THREE YEAR TERM
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Education and Experience Requirements:
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Send cover letter and resume no later than Friday, April 7, 2000 to:

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
RUMFORD GROUP HOMES, INC.
160 LINCOLN AVENUE
RUMFORD, ME 04276

Woodstock Property Owners Assessor's Notice

You are hereby notified that the Assessor's Agent will be in session at the Woodstock Town Office on Friday, March 31, 2000 from 9am to 12:00 noon to receive true and perfect lists of all properties, real and personal, owned by you as of April 1, 2000; subject to taxation under the laws of the State of Maine. Any person who fails to bring in such lists will be barred from any appeal or any later considerations on the part of the Assessors of the Assessment Board of Review for tax abatements.

Veteran's or any persons claiming tax exemptions for the first time (tree growth, open space, etc.) are required to notify the assessor in writing of their claim and to furnish proof of their entitlement on or before April 1, 2000.

Woodstock Board of Assessors

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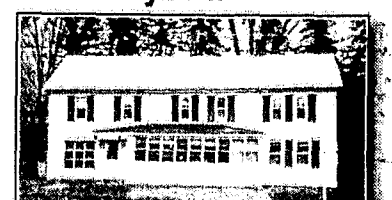
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Flat Road Bethel Home - This well kept 100+ year old home on the Flat Road is comfortable, cozy and has a welcoming feel the moment you walk in the door. Four bedrooms, 1.5 baths, workshop, garage, porch, all on .63 +/- acres. \$97,500



Two Camps on Two Acres - Two charming, rustic one room camps on one two+/- acre lot. Both have gas lights and stoves. One has a screen porch and the other has a porch without screens. Water and electricity are available for both camps. 2.5 miles from Bethel Village on Route 5, but in a wooded setting. \$69,900

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AVAILABLE MID-APRIL through September or permanent: Studio apartment suitable for one or two

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SUNDAY RIVER - 2 bedroom on mountain, pool, Jacuzzi, sauna. Available April - November. \$425/month includes utilities. 603-964-6960.
BRYANT POND, 41 Twitchell Rd., 2nd floor renovated apartment in farmhouse, sunny, 1 bedroom w/den \$450.00/month plus S/D. Utilities included. Available April 16th. Non-smoking, no pets. 665-2698 or 786-3245 x3818
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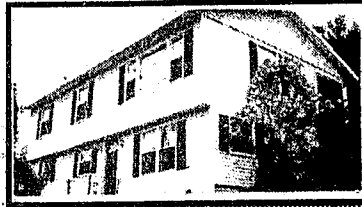
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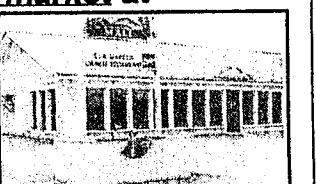
Great Rt 2 business location with 5,700 sf multi-purpose building. Full restaurant, rental appts., storefront, building supply and manufacturing history! Good numbers, plenty of parking and room for expansion! **Now below market at \$199,900!**



9 Chapman Street, Bethel! Here's your investment property near Sunday River! Nice 4 unit apartment building with many improvements and strong rental history in heart of Bethel village! Room for expansion! Exclusively offered At \$207,000!



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Powder Ridge Townhome! Nice furnished 3 bdrm, 2.5 ba, stone fireplace, open living and spectacular views of slopes! Only \$174,900!



Condo at Powder Ridge! Beautiful 3+ bdrms, 2.5 baths, stone fireplace, big deck, garage and spectacular views of the Sunday River! Only \$215,000!

Great Land Deals!
Powder Ridge Lots EXCLUSIVELY LISTED 1 LOT @ \$15,000/EACH!

Bear River Lots
Lot 4 (1/2 acre) - \$17,900
Lot 5 (1/2 acre) - \$27,900

Other Lots
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W. R. Rd. 1 Rt. 2 - \$9,900
Gambell Rd. - \$19,900
A. Hwy. 222/100 - \$19,900
Powder Ridge Lots - \$26,000
East Bethel - \$12,900
Cross Pond - \$12,900
Andrews - \$12,900
Sabbathday - \$12,900

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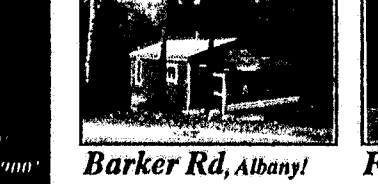
This meticulously kept 3 bdrm home on 2+/- sunny acres is very nice! Master suite, large living/dining area, 2+ baths, country kitchen, oversized deck with large almost finished lower level room with woodstove! Privacy and in-town!



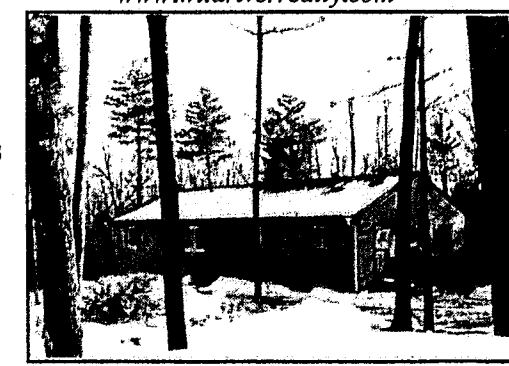
Off the Sunday River Rd on 7+/- acres, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba contemporary with gracious, open living floor plan! Slope views and comfort, all in one! Below Market at \$169,900!



Farmhouse in West Bethel! Gorgeous home features 3+ bdrms, 1.5 ba, country kitchen, spectacular barn and more! Priced to sell! Only \$126,900!



Barker Rd, Albany! Nice, small 1 bdrm, 1 ba recently updated camp. Close to town, ski slopes and priced to sell at only \$39,900!!



Below market at \$144,995!



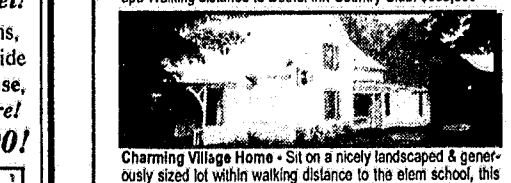
Executive Condo at Powder Ridge! 3,200 sq. ft. of mountain living, 4+ bedrooms, 3 baths, stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings, galley kitchen and spectacular views! Only \$219,000!



Country Charming Hanover village! Nice cape, 4 bdrm, 1.5 ba, great living space, garage, sunny decks and private lot! Good buy at only \$119,900!



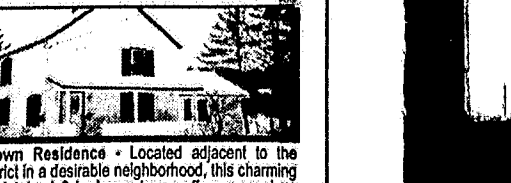
Furnished house! Low Albany taxes, 3+ bdrms, 3 ba, 3+/- acres, spotless kitchen, over 2,500 sq ft and great contemporary design! Only \$165,000!



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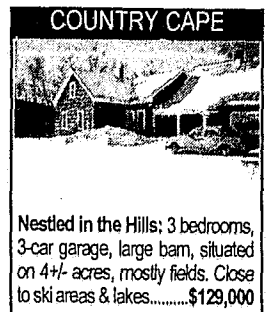
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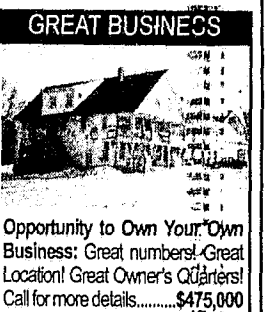
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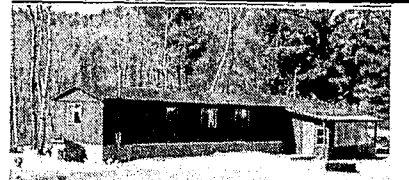
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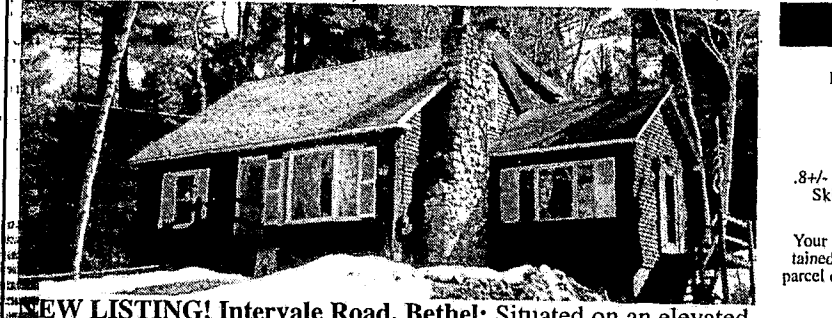
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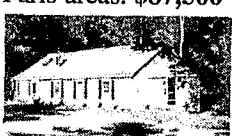
NEW LISTING! Intervale Road, Bethel: Situated on an elevated lot, this attractive 3+ bedroom home offers a spacious living room with lovely oak floors and impressive views of the Androscoggin River Valley and Sunday River Slopes! Full basement, FHW oil heat, privacy. Minutes to Bethel, Rumford or Paris areas. \$87,500



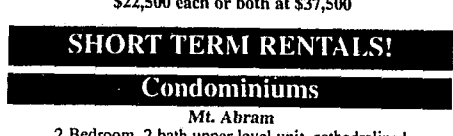
South Pond, Greenwood: Conveniently located just off Rt. 26 enroute to skiways/Bethel, this cottage has 2 BR's & a large open living area. Windowed front offers views across pond to area mountains. ROW to sandy beach/pond/deck. Year round accessible. Furnished. Now \$67,900



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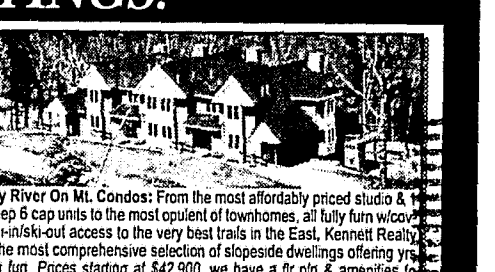
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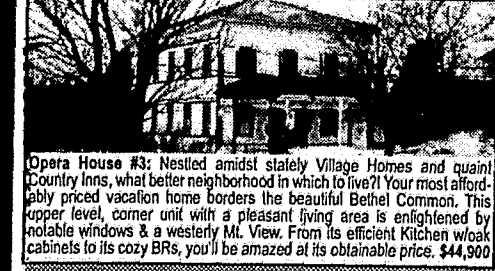
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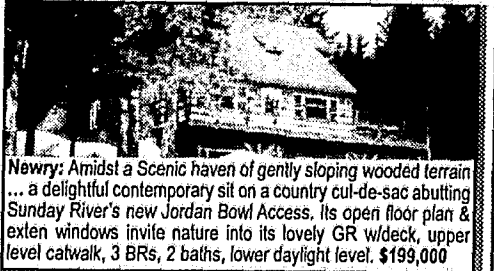
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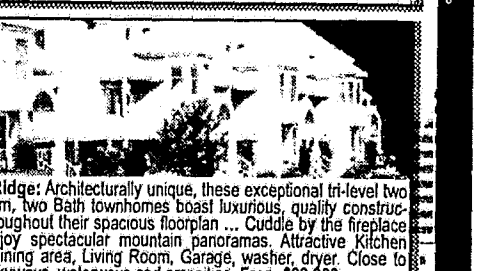
Newbury: Amidst a Scenic haven of gently sloping wooded terrain... a delightful contemporary sit on a country cul-de-sac abutting Sunday River's new Jordan Bowl Access. Its open floor plan & exten windows invite nature into its lovely GR w/deck, upper level catwalk, 3 BR's, 2 baths, lower daylight level. \$199,000



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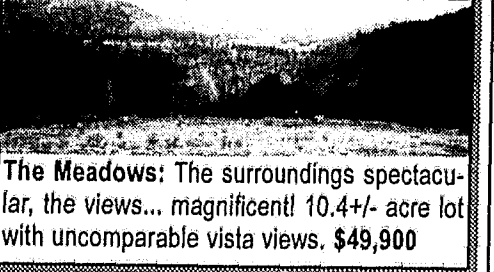
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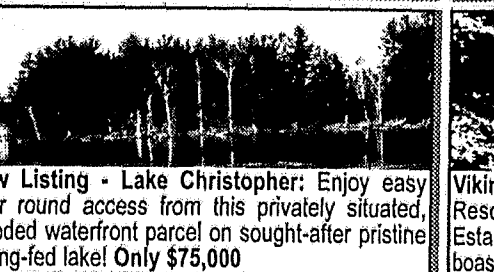
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Obituaries

ALBERT E. JUDKINS

Albert E. Judkins, 81, of Peru, died early Wednesday morning, March 22, 2000, comfortably at his home with his family at his side.

He was born in Upton on June 25, 1918, a son of Cedric and Jennie (Sanborn) Judkins. He attended Gould Academy in Bethel and later graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1941, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

On Nov. 1, 1942, he married Thelma Brownell in Hope.

Mr. Judkins served in the China, Burma, and India theatre during World War II. He was later promoted to the rank of major in the reserves. After returning to Maine he worked at Bass Shoe and later at the Oxford Paper Company for 20 years.

He was a member of the American Legion, 1918 Club, Hump Poles Association, and the Sons of Union Veterans. He was a member of the Church of God in Canton, the Osceola Grange in Florida and the Senior Citizens of Dixfield. He was also very fond of his volunteer work at the GRAMPS community lunches at the Mexico Town Hall.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years of Peru; three sons, Robert of Rumford; The Rev. William and his wife Sharon of South Portland, and Peter and his wife Joyce of Bellingham, Mass.; six daughters, Betty and her husband George Scholtz of Dover, Mass., Patricia and her husband Mike Weaver of Westwood, Kan., Pauline Bailey of

Auburn, Wanda and her husband Dana Meisner of Peru, Rebecca Grooms and Marie Robbins both of Richmond; one brother, Fred of Bryant Pond; one sister, Ruth and her husband The Rev. Edgar Bailey of Portland; 24 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Kendrick; two sisters, Lillian Abbott and Arline Bernier; and a grandson, Jeremy Bailey.

Public memorial services will be held Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m. at the Peru American Legion Hall. The family invites his friends to bring their treasured memories and stories to share with one another. Those who desire may make memorial contributions in his memory to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, Box M, Rumford, ME 04276.



ERNESTINE L. SIBLEY

Ernestine L. Sibley, 78, of the Greenwood Road, Greenwood, died Thursday, March 23, 2000, at

her home, with her family by her side.

Mrs. Sibley was born in Sweden, Maine, daughter of the late William E. and Leona (Durgin) Bean. She was educated in the schools of Milton and Woodstock, graduating from Woodstock High School.

She married Carroll Sibley on October 21, 1946, and they maintained their home in Greenwood for over 40 years. He predeceased her on March 5, 1992.

A shoe worker by vocation, Mrs. Sibley had been associated with various shoe companies in the Norway area until her retirement.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Evans of Greenwood; two brothers, Paul and Silver Bean, both of South Paris; two sisters, Arline Estes of South Paris and Geraldine Raasumaa, of Rochester, N.H.; five grandchildren; and an uncle, Stanley Durgin of Paris Hill. Besides her husband she was predeceased by a sister, Charlotte; and four brothers: William, Liston, Roland, and Erlon.

Funeral services were held at the Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock on Monday, March 27. Interment will be at the Abbott's Mill Cemetery, Milton, later this spring.

In Memory

of Barbara Olson
March 30, 1995

Sadly missed but will never be forgotten. Love you always.

Husband, Son, Daughter, Granddaughters, Brothers, Sisters, Relatives & friends

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to friends and relatives who made our 50th Wedding Anniversary special with many cards and gifts. We received lots of cards and still enjoy looking at them.

Thanks to our children and spouses for the nice party and meal they had catered. It was so enjoyable.

Thanks to our children and grandchildren for the special picture collage they put together for us. It was all much appreciated.

Eleanor & Albert E.
Nelson, Sr.

Card of Thanks

The First Day of Spring

It's the first day of Spring and Nan is gone. Thank God for Mo she kept me strong.

Day after day watching her pain, being by her side night and day. A very special friend I found in Mo.

Why oh why did she go, twenty-five years with the one I loved. She was my buddy, my friend, she was my everything.

I will never forget the first day of Spring!

When Nan left me on that day, my friend Mo gave me the strength and showed me the way. She seemed to know just what to say to me. Mo, I thank you so very, very much.

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DOROTHY F. HALE

Dorothy F. Hale, 75, of Fleming Road, West Bethel, died Thursday, March 23, 2000, at her home, after a long illness.

She was born in Wakefield, Mass., on Sept. 26, 1924, a daughter of the late Harold and Lena (Castner) Fleming. She and her family later moved to Reading, Mass., where she attended local schools and later graduated from the Fay School in Boston.

Mrs. Hale was employed in earlier years at a prominent law office, in the Greater Boston area.

She married Norman I. Hale on July 12, 1947, and they moved to West Bethel and built their own home. He predeceased her on Sept. 13, 1976.

In later years, she loved to spend time each year with her oldest son, Steven, of Belmont, Mass., and also spent time in Plymouth, Mass., at "The Beach." The rest of the year she spent with her son David and wife Arlynn in West Bethel.

She looked forward to going camping each year at Moosehead Lake in Greenville and at Crocker Pond in Albany. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, doing jigsaw puzzles and reading. Thanks to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, and family, she was able to spend her final days at home.

Survivors include her son Steven of Belmont, Mass.; her son David and daughter-in-law Arlynn of West Bethel; a brother, Warren A. Fleming of Ohio; and two grandchildren. Besides her husband, Mrs. Hale was predeceased by a sister, Lois F. Edwards.

Funeral services were held at the West Bethel Union Church, Saturday, March 25. Interment, will be later in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Androscoggin Hospice, 15 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04240

FRANCES M. SAUNDERS

Frances M. Saunders, 83, died Monday, March 27, 2000, at the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough.

She was born at Brownville Junction on Sept. 11, 1916, the daughter of Hugh and Isabella Young Miller. She graduated from Brownville Junction High School in the Class of 1933, one of 24 students. She also graduated from Farmington Normal School in the Class of 1937.

Frances taught school in Houlton and Brownville Junction and was also a substitute teacher in Bethel for the second and third grades, from 1947-1966 when she retired.

She was an officer at Hanover Dowel Company, Bethel, and served as treasurer from 1966-1987, when it closed.

She was married to Wallace Ernest Saunders on Aug. 22, 1944. Wallace died on Dec. 8, 1990.

Frances was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Bethel and Brownville. She was chaplain of the United Methodist Women's Group and co-chairperson of the Friday Gift Shop, as well as a member of the United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Rumford Community Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed crafts and cooking.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Saunders of Gorham; a daughter-in-law, Linda Saunders of Bethel; a grandson, Jason Trebs of Bemidji, Minn.; and two granddaughters, Katlyn Saunders Cook of Gorham and Erica Carter of Traverse City, Mich. She was predeceased by a son, Robert Saunders.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 31, at the United Methodist Church in Bethel. There are no visiting hours. Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make contributions in Frances' memory to the United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 387, Bethel, ME 04217.

RICHARD W. HARDING

Richard W. Harding, 82, of the Andrews House, South Paris, died early Monday morning, March 27, 2000, at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston.

Mr. Harding was born in Trenton, N.J., July 14, 1917, the son of Walter Chase Harding and Julia (Carr) Harding. He attended Trenton schools and graduated from the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J.

After graduation from Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., as a geology major, he pursued a career in petroleum, gas, and oil. He was associated with the Heiland Exploration Co., Shreveport, La., Quaker State Oil Co., Bradford, Pa., and Skelly Oil, also of Shreveport.

In 1958, he joined the faculty of the Department of Mineral Industries, Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa., during which time he also consulted in oil and gas exploration in the Appalachian Basin.

Mr. Harding was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and a charter member of the American Institute of Petroleum Geologists.

In 1968, he realized two lifelong ambitions. He became an independent exploration geologist, and moved to Bethel permanently. As a child he had come to love the Oxford County area, where he vacationed on Lake Christopher, in Bryant Pond. It was here he met his future wife, Frances Louise Stanley of Summit, N.J., whom he married in 1947. Here was the ideal location to enjoy life with his family, hunting, fishing, and photography.

While in Bethel he joined the West Parish Congregational Church and served on the town planning board and the Bethel Water District.

Survivors include his wife, a resident of the Andrews House in South Paris; two sons, Richard Jr. and his wife Delora of Colwyn Bay, Wales, U.K., and Mark of Manchester, N.H.; and a grandson

A memorial graveside service will be held at Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond, on Friday, March 31, 2 p.m. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations to Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04240.

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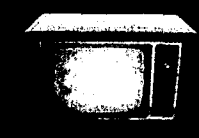
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